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Bridgend County Borough Council plans to revamp the indoor market.

A SERIES of 'illustrative panels have been installed outside Bridgend Indoor Market to advertise some of the stalls inside and provide historical information.

The boards feature the historic market bell, which dates back to 1837 and is a landmark feature.

It is part of plans by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to revamp the indoor market. The council, which wants to create a new central market square, recently dropped rent rates to encourage new traders.

So far, five traders have signed leases with businesses ranging from Welsh gifts to boutique fashions.

In June, a report by officers went before BCBC's cabinet which urged "radical and prompt" action as growing numbers of traders were leaving over high rents and the market was no longer sustainable.

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Family pays tribute to woman who died in M4 collision

THE family of a woman who died following a collision on the M4 at the weekend, has paid tribute to Susan Elizabeth Curtis, 50, from St Thomas, Swansea.

She died at the scene of the single-vehicle collision, which occurred on the eastbound carriageway between junction 35 (Pencoed) and junction 36 (Sarn) shortly before 7.40am on Sunday, November 11.

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Story of loneliest war grave 'incredibly moving'

THROUGH marriage, I share the surname of the soldier, Charles Murphy, that featured on your website under the headline 'An unenviable distinction: the loneliest war grave' (The GEM edition of November 8).

Kudos to you for what is one of the simplest, most gently written and most touching stories I have read anywhere in the run up to and amidst the hyperbole of the Armistice centenary.

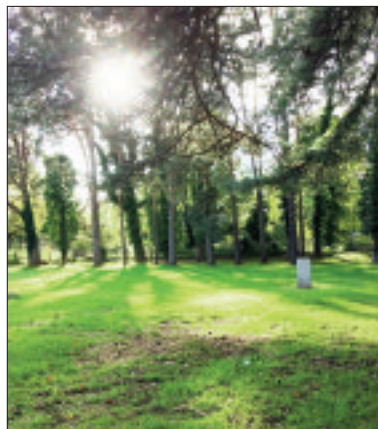
I must say how moved I was to read

about him, and wonder what sort of a life he had and why he was at what I have learnt was a psychiatric hospital. Your choice of poem was also incredibly moving.

As has been said before, one million dead is a statistic, but one death is a tragedy, and however and wherever Rifleman Charles Murphy died, his death is a tragedy.

I do not live in Bridgend, but I will visit one day to see his grave and to make sure that he remains remembered. Thank you for posting the story.

Angharad Murphy (RN Ret'd), Cirencester.



Rifleman Charles Murphy's grave in Bridgend.

Praise for town and Bridgend RBL for family Remembrance service

I ATTENDED the family remembrance service in Bridgend on November 10 with my eight-year-old daughter.

I think this is a marvellous initiative and would like to commend the town and the Bridgend RBL for taking a bold move. It was not popular with everyone, as was noted vehemently in the press beforehand, but I think it has paid off. Despite the recent negative press, there seemed to be an excellent turnout.

The children who took part in the parade and the choir are to be congratulated for their composure and dignified behaviour. The gathered crowds also behaved impeccably and I hope Bridgend's parents are rightly proud of their offspring.

The Rev Rachel Wheeler conducted a very moving, yet subtle, service with children in mind; she covered all the relevant points in language a child could understand and process, and interacted fantastically with the crowds.

If the aim of the service was to introduce children to the importance of paying respects to the fallen and commemorating our serving Armed Forces, then I believe this was absolutely achieved.

I am sure for many of the youngsters there, this type of service will be remembered long after a more formal service would have been forgotten.

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My criticism is that the children and Rev Wheeler were let down by the technology that should have given them a bigger voice and would like whomever is responsible to ensure that an adequate and fully operational PA system is in place for next year's Saturday service.

However, that did not detract from the occasion too greatly, and I very much look forward to next year's family service, and hope it will be embraced by a number of the residents and youth organisations of Bridgend.

Fiona Burlingham, Bridgend.

'Poem was not a fitting end to commemorations'

I ATTENDED the event to close Armistice Centenary commemorations on the evening of November 11, which included the recital of a poem called A Cry For Peace.

All I can say is that the great war poets such

as Sassoon, Owen and Streets, as well as the likes of Hedd Wynn, would be turning in their graves to have heard the doggerel written by self-styled "pageant master" Bruno Peck.

I would have preferred to have heard something by Bruno Mars.

Rachel Collingbourne, Bridgend.

Team effort is helping make local communities in the county healthier

THE innovative 'team effort' helping to get generations of people become more active in Bridgend County Borough has earned special praise from Quest, the leisure industry's leading quality assessor.

They have rated the combined work of Bridgend County Borough Council, Halo Leisure, schools, clubs, voluntary groups, Sport Wales, Welsh Government and other partners as making an 'excellent' impact on residents' health, wellbeing and fitness.

It is the first time that Quest has assessed a partnership approach in Wales and awarded an 'excellent' mark for the results and impact on people's lives.

CLR Dhanisha Patel, the council's Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Future

Generations, said: "Working in collaboration with many partners, we are committed to tackling the many challenges that need to be overcome in order to develop more active communities."

"One of our biggest achievements has been the partnership that we have formed with Halo Leisure, backed by GLL. Since the leisure partnership began in 2012, we have seen a nine per cent increase in visits to our life centres and a major investment in facilities."

"The Exercise Referral Scheme, which is run at the Life Centres in collaboration with Welsh Government, is an excellent example, helping to make physical activity a new way of life for thousands of people who suffer from health problems. We also have the highest number of over 60s taking part in free swimming sessions in Wales."

"During their assessment, Quest also praised the work being done across the county borough to broaden opportunities for disability sports as well as to tackle disadvantage and ensure gender equity."

"We were the first local authority to achieve the InSport silver accreditation for inclusive sport, and have also been developing our 'Move More Often' programme for older

adults in day care and residential care, as well as our innovative OlympAge activities with our many partners."

"Our Girls Network initiative in schools is making big strides in breaking down any barriers that are putting young girls off taking part in regular sport in their communities once they reach their teenage years."

"Another school-based initiative that merits a mention is the Family Active Zone initiative, which encourages families to exercise together. Setting good habits from an early age is absolutely essential for trying to avert avoidable health problems in adulthood."

"The Quest assessors also noted the collaborative work being done to ensure equal opportunities for people to take part in physical activity, including residents from disadvantaged backgrounds, with the successful 'Access to Leisure' scheme achieving over 145,000 visits last year."

Firework display 'goes with a bang'

THE firework display on November 5 at the Four Sevens Rugby Club in Maesteg, presented by the Rotary Club, was reportedly well attended, with organisers calling the numbers "record-breaking".

The crowd saw the display by Westcoast Fireworks, which has run the display for many years.

A spokesperson said: "The Rotary Club wishes to thank the everyone who came out to support the club on the night."

Riding for the Disabled Curry Night ON Saturday, December 1 a Curry Night will be held at Tondy Cricket Club with live entertainment from the fabulous Park Lane Big Band, a mix of extremely talented singers and players.

This will start at 7pm, and at the event there will be an authentic Indian curry to enjoy plus dancing and raffle prizes, so it will be a fun and an exciting evening for only £15.

"Thanks also go to volunteers Ian Northwell, Keith Rees and Mike Lyons who acted as stewards and Paul Thomas and his team from the rugby club, who were a tremendous help. Royston Thomas and his team for the first aid cover, Rotary president's wife Menna Davies for helping with the sale of illuminated space swords, and Steve Maddern and Daniel who played music in the build up and during the display."

"The club is also grateful to Tom Beedle for standing with a collection bucket to raise funds."

News from Laleston WI

LALESTON WI met on November 1 when 26 members attended.

They were reminded that the next meeting on December 6 would start at 7pm with a service at St David's Church, followed by a buffet in the Blandy Hall with all members bringing a plate of food.

Barbara, Christine and Kathryn will give readings at the church service and members were asked to bring their own plate and glass to save on landfill waste.

Margaret took the names of those wishing to attend the GFWI Christmas Tree Festival at Margam Orangerie on November 21.

The New Year's lunch will take place on January 22 at The Black Rabbit, Laleston.

The speaker for the evening, Barbara Miles, gave members an insight into the life of Cleopatra and the vote of thanks was given by Elaine Jones.

The competition was won by Pat Gulwell and the raffle by Barbara Rees.

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The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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21 Wed	04.52	9.1	17.09	9.5
22 Thur	05.28	9.8	17.49	9.9

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Fallen police officers are remembered in Bridgend

COLLEAGUES and families of police officers and staff who died while in service were invited to attend a special remembrance ceremony, at police headquarters in Bridgend on November 9.

The force's annual service of remembrance, where fallen officers from both World Wars are also commemorated, was led by Deputy Chief Constable Richard Lewis and officiated by the force Chaplain Rev Glynne James and the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff, the Most Rev George Stack.

Some of the direct descendants of the police officers who lost their lives during the First World War were also in attendance. They included the grandson of ex-rugby international

Dick Thomas, who was killed in action at Mametz Wood in 1916.

The granddaughter of the former Glamorgan and Neath police officer Ernest Rollings, who survived the war, and who is reported to have helped to hasten its end, was also in attendance.

Deputy Chief Constable Richard Lewis said: "Our annual Remembrance ceremony is held in memory of all colleagues who have passed away while serving the force and its communities. It's also one which serves as an appropriate reminder to us all of the relevance and importance of police family."

"This year, the ceremony also paid tribute to the great sacrifice made by the 93 police officers of predecessor forces who served during the First World War."

"Their service and sacrifice is acknowledged in a series

of booklets created annually in their memory and the final booklet in the series, 1918, is now available on the force website."

The series of booklets



forms part of the forces' contributions to mark the end of the Centenary. A permanent exhibition has been created in the Heritage Centre at police Headquarters in Bridgend.

DCC Lewis added: "It is in the telling of the stories that this force hopes to convey our deepest gratitude, but most importantly to ensure their contributions are never forgotten."

Chief Constable, Matt Jukes attended the National Service of Remembrance and National Thanksgiving Service, Armistice 100, in Cardiff to honour the fallen on Remembrance weekend.

He said: "I and many

of my colleagues attended a number of events that took place across the force area and nationally, to reflect on the sacrifice made by people from across our communities, and to recognise the role of police officers in conflict and at home during times of war.

"I am particularly grateful to the many volunteers across the country who work so tirelessly to help keep their memories alive."



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Bridgend residents come together to pay their respects on Remembrance Sunday



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DESPITE some heavy showers that swept across Bridgend on Remembrance Sunday, the numbers taking part in the parade and around the town's Cenotaph were undiminished.

The parade was led by the Swansea Pipe Band, with Armed Services veterans taking pride of place as the marchers reached Dunraven Place.



Colwinston celebrates its history at books' launch

THERE was a packed audience (with many residents having to stand) at the village hall last week to attend the launch of two books: *Colwinston – A Changing Village* and *Colwinston – A Historical Journey*.

The publications and the event itself were well organised by Heather Maclehoose, John Duxbury, Chris Hawker and other volunteers including Deb Fisher and Liz Nash, with contributions by the Cowbridge Historical Society and the National Museum of Wales.

There were visual displays, old photos, maps, artefacts and documents together with the Bronze Age bronze axe heads found in the village some years ago.

A celebratory cake adorned with the Colwinston book cover was cut and enjoyed by the villagers.

Residents who have already ordered one or both books, or new customers, can collect them on Monday, November 19, at the village hall from 7pm to 9pm.

The *Historical Journey* book is priced £3.50 and available from



Historical artefacts discovered around the village.

Cowbridge Bookshop, Charlie's Café Colwinston and from Chris Hawker or Deb Fisher in the village. *The Changing Village*

book (priced £12) will also be available for village residents from Heather, Chris or John in Colwinston. Once again, the rural

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Crafters brew up a storm at coffee morning

Y BONT Crafters recently held a coffee morning at Laleston Gardening Club which was well attended and raised an incredible £743.

There were lots of activities at the coffee morning including tombola, raffle, craft tables and an abundance of coffee, tea and homemade goods.

The group would like to thank everyone who attended the coffee morning and helped make it such a success and also a big thank you to the Gardening Club for the use of their venue.

The craft club supports local charity Y Bont by holding regular fundraising coffee mornings and craft fairs where they sell their handmade items.

Savoyards are bodyguards in popular opera

THERE is another great evening ahead for fans of Gilbert and Sullivan.

Even if you're not a fan, you will find much to enjoy at the performance of *Yeomen of the Guard* set in The Tower of London by the Mid Glamorgan Savoyards.

The real Yeomen of the Guard were created by Henry VII in 1485 as a bodyguard for the British Monarch. The opera is set in the 16th century and it premiered in London in 1888. Its popularity was such that

it ran for 423 performances.

Since 1994, the Savoyards have raised more than £65,000 for charity. This year, the proceeds will go to Kidney Research Wales, Prostate Cymru and Macmillan Cancer Support.

The performance takes place at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, on Saturday, November 17 at 7.30pm. Tickets (£12) are available from the from the cast, the named charities and the box office.

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Noreen's knitted poppies raise funds for the Poppy Appeal



Pictured above is Noreen Williams (85), who knitted poppies at the Bridgend Resource Centre day service, and raised £40.30 for the Poppy Appeal by selling them.

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Porthcawl residents are out in force to pay their respects to the Fallen on Remembrance Sunday

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The Standards are lowered as Last Post is played.

HEAVY rain showers swept across Porthcawl on Remembrance Sunday, but the heaviest came down, fortunately, while the Service was taking place in All Saints' Church.

When the congregation emerged for the laying of the wreaths and the two-minute silence, they were greeted with bright sunshine.

It was one of the biggest turnouts in Porthcawl in recent years, with the grounds of All Saints packed – perhaps because of the significance of the centenary of the end of World War One, but also probably because people in the town had organised a large number of events in the weeks before.



ABOVE: A special poppy display in All Saints' Church.



Kenfig Hill cadets on duty for Remembrance Day



Staff and cadets alongside the Hawker Hunter gate guardian.

THE Squadron was busy over Remembrancetide not only supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, but also the Sunday Armistice Service and Parade in Kenfig Hill on November 11.

Staff and cadets from 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron RAF Air Cadets took part in this year's Poppy Appeal collection in Asda Stores Pyle over two weekends. Flight Sergeant R Peckham RAFAC was again this year's parade marshal. The weather was dull, overcast with occasional rain showers during the service at the Cenotaph which was well attended by the community.

The RAF Air Cadet poppy wreath was laid this year by Cadet H Chaudry, who has only been with the Squadron since June of this year. The four standard bearers were Cadets Flight Sergeant S Willoughby, Corporal A Parisi, Corporal L Russell and Instructor Staff Cadet Warrant Officer J Morris. Sqn Ldr Barry C Thomas, OC 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron said that it was always an honour for the Squadron to take part in the Service and Parade of Remembrance, but this year more so as we remembered the centenary of the end of World War One. This gave cadets of all ages in the Squadron an understanding and insight into the sacrifice given by many.



Cadets with flags, standards and colours outside St Theodore's.

Sqn Leader Thomas would like to give his personal thanks to Flight Sergeant R Peckham RAFAC, civilian instructor Miss D Young and civilian instructor Miss C Littlejohns and also to instructor Staff Cadet Warrant Officer J Morris marking his final attendance at the Squadron Armistice Parade as a cadet.

Also my thanks to Squadron cadets who attended all activities in smart and a professional manner. They gave a good representation of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets in the area which they serve.

Lindsay Thomas

Remembrance Sunday well observed in Coity

MORE than 100 people attended the Remembrance Sunday service in Coity to mark the centenary of the Armistice, and subsequent conflicts, particularly the eight of all three services who fell in the world wars who lie in the churchyard of the adjacent St Mary's Church, and all those remembered on the memorial in front of the village hall.

The service was conducted by Rev Geoff Waggett, and in attendance was the choir of the church.

Paul Harris award for past president

AT the Rotary Club of Bridgend Foundation dinner, president Hopkin Joseph presented a Paul Harris Fellowship award to member and past club president Alan Reeks.

The award is presented to Rotarians and others in recognition of outstanding service to the community and the club.

Paul Harris awards were originally inspired by Rotary International's founder Paul Harris to recognise as stated on the citation 'people who have done exceptional work on behalf of Rotary in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among people of the world'.

In making the award, Mr Joseph, said: "The award is thoroughly deserved. Alan Reeks has been a member of the



Alan Reeks receives an award.

organisation for some 30 years and in addition to being a past president and founder member of the Rotary Club of Bridgend-Ogmore, his previous club, he is also a past president of the Rotary Club of Bridgend."

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Family pays tribute to woman who died in M4 collision



Susan Elizabeth Curtis.

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Paying tribute, her family – husband Leighton and children Sam, Ben, Emily and Rebecca – said: "A loving, selfless and protective woman, Mam was constantly doing something for others."

"Fiercely strong and independent, we can't begin to contemplate the void she has left, not only in her family's lives but also everyone who knew her."

"We will love and miss you always."

An investigation into the circumstances of the collision is continuing and officers would like to speak to anyone who witnessed the collision, has dash cam footage, or who stopped to provide assistance.

Anyone who saw the vehicle – a silver Renault Clio – before the collision, is also asked to get in touch via 101, quoting occurrence 1800428930. South Wales Police

New market boards

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The lease is reviewed every 14 years, and was last reviewed in 2007, just before the financial crisis.

Many traders had cited the rents as being too high, compared to other retail units in Bridgend and similar markets in Wales, as their main reason for leaving as well as the high vacancy rate.

The full running costs for the market are currently estimated to be around £360,000 a year and in June, officers said the indoor market was expected to make a loss of nearly £200,000.

Liz Bradford, local democracy reporter

Public meeting

THE Porthcawl-base charity, 'Sustainable Wales', is holding a public meeting at 7pm, Monday, November 19, at the Y Centre, John Street, Porthcawl, CF36 3AP, on the subject of the regeneration of Porthcawl.

Guest speakers include: BCBC cabinet member Cllr Charles Smith; Porthcawl town councillor Alex Harris; Jessica King of Cenin Renewables; and Simon Baston of DS Holdings.

The meeting will be chaired by Richard Thomas and Margaret Minhinick of Sustainable Wales.

Margaret Minhinick said: "The purpose of the talk is to examine plans for the future of the resort, stressing the importance that regeneration is based on principles of sustainability."

"Brief questions from the floor are invited, and an informative occasion expected. All are welcome."

'Wellbeing hub' is launched

MHM Wales launched their Cefn Glas Wellbeing Hub at Westward Community Centre on November 7 with an open day.

The event was to raise awareness of the hub and is open every Monday and Wednesday from 10am-3pm, providing a supportive environment for socialising, information and access to mental health services for anyone 18 and over.

The event also celebrated funding received from Cllr Blundell's Community Action Fund. A donation of £750 has enabled the charity to set up a "crafty corner group" at the hub on Mondays from 12-3pm.

The equipment and materials purchased were showcased at the event and Cllr Blundell was thanked by MHM Wales CEO Richard Jones, director Michaela Moore, staff and hub users for the donation.

Good score for twin town

NEXT year sees the 20th anniversary of Porthcawl's Twinning with Saint-Sébastien-sur-Loire and it will be the turn of our French friends to visit 'this sceptred isle'.

St Sebastien is a small town, about the same size as Porthcawl, in western France. One year, our French visitors visit us, the next we visit them. We stay in each other's homes, building friendships and understanding each other's cultures.

This coming year, they will be coming over in time to experience the 'wonders of Porthcawl's carnival'. For more information about the association, contact Ann on 01656 788027.

Paul Winstanley
Porthcawl/Saint-Sébastien Town Twinning Association

St Cyres School recognised for programme

ST Cyres School has announced that it has been recognised as an 'Apple Distinguished School' (ADS) for 2018-2021 for its 1:1 iPad programme.

"An ADS", said a spokesperson, "is a centre of innovation, leadership and educational excellence that uses Apple products to inspire creativity, collaboration and critical thinking."

The spokesperson continued: "St Cyres moved into a new

facility in Penarth in November 2014.

"Staff of the school realised that technology could facilitate and extend its aim to offer innovative and effective learning experiences and since 2014, the school has provided each pupil from years 7-13 with Apple products to use in lessons and at home, and all teaching and non-teaching have similar."

They added: "Nearly all teaching staff are Apple Teachers, using a learning programme designed to support teaching and learning."

AS

Porthcawl Museum marks Armistice centenary



OVER a busy weekend Porthcawl Museum marked the 100th anniversary of the Armistice following months of planning by Ceri Joseph and the team of volunteers at the museum.

On Saturday, November 10 a Remembrance service was held at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl. The service was led by Father Phillip Masson in the presence of Madeleine Moon MP, the Mayor of BCBC, Cllr John McCarthy, and the Mayor of Porthcawl Town Council, Cllr Norah Clarke.

At the service, there were readings and poems along with a cello solo performed by Gareth Blake and a rendition of 'Bring Him Home' sung by Matthew Daly.

During the service, all the names of the Porthcawl men lost during the Great War were read out to the congregation.

Afterwards, members of the museum and others attended a service of remembrance at Parc Cenin (RAF Stormy Down).

In the afternoon the museum, via its partnership with the Imperial War Museum, hosted some showings of the 1917 restored film *The Battle of the Ancre* and *Advance of the Tanks* at the YMCA centre to an audience of around 50 people.

Finally rounding off the day at 6pm, a candlelight service was held at the museum where those attending were asked to place a name of the Porthcawl fallen on the replica trench wall in the museum, which concluded with the Last Post. Volunteer Wayne Stainthorpe placed a inscribed Poppy Cross on every grave of a World War One soldier in Porthcawl.

On Remembrance Sunday, members of the museum joined the service at All Saints' Church and laid a wreath at Porthcawl War Memorial on behalf of the museum.

Meanwhile, in London, museum volunteer David Swidenbank attended the service in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen at Westminster Abbey on behalf of the museum.

AS



Runners raise cash for Poppy Appeal



Porthcawl Runners sporting their buffs at the Remembrance-themed parkrun.

PORHCRAWL Runners again demonstrated the power of teamwork as they pulled together to raise £200 for the Poppy Appeal, writes Carl Field.

The club were out in force at the Remembrance Day-themed Porthcawl parkrun last Saturday, but there was a twist.

Members were sporting a special commemorative buff – lightweight stretchy material typically worn as headgear or around the neck – with a 'Porthcawl Runners 1918-2018 Lest We Forget' design to mark the occasion, with members donating £2 from the cost of each buff to the Poppy Appeal.

The run coincided with the club's

latest batch of recruits on the 'Couch to 5k' graduating from their nine-week programme and each running their first parkrun.

Conditions for the parkrun were certainly challenging for runners, as they battled torrential rain and heavy winds on the seafront throughout.

Runner Will Edwards, who came up with the Remembrance buffs idea, said: "In the same way that the Armistice Day signified hope after awful times, I wanted our club, in a far smaller way, to send a message of unity and battling through together with the C25k."

"In many ways it was quite apt that it poured down all the way, but we got through it. We have more power than we think to battle through if we do it together."

The history of Trecastell

THE report (November 3) on Cowbridge U3A's stroll said that they had found no signs of any castle in Coed Castell woods.

The Trecastell Estate includes (or included) Trecastell Farm as well as Coed Trecastell, the old Llanharry Ironmine and the Boar's Head. The castle itself was situated where the present farmhouse stands.

The estate has been in the continuous unbroken ownership of the Gibbon family since the year 1428, the

present owner being Graham Samuel-Gibbon, and the tenancy of the Hopkin family for several generations.

There are family graves in St Illtyd's Church Llanharry, including an Elizabethan tombstone of William Gibbon of Trecastell dated 1584, and memorials and stained glass windows given by the Samuel-Gibbons.

The family crest is 'a boar's head, couped azure, transfixing by a spear erect, azure, suspended from a buglehorn sable by a ribbon azure'. **Lawrie Williams, Llanblethian**

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL PEN-Y-BONT AR OGWR

I give notice that the following applications have been made. The application documents can be viewed during normal office hours at the Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend CF31 4WB or on the planning page of the Council website. Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications on land use planning grounds should write to the Council at the above address by the date specified under each category of application or submit their comments online. Observations received on applications are not acknowledged. Any representations submitted will be open to public inspection and objectors/supporters may be identified on the internet. The Development Control Committee operates public speaking arrangements. If you wish to register an intent to speak at Committee (should the application not be processed under delegated powers) please indicate in your response. For more information tel: 01656 643675.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (WALES) ORDER 2012

P/18/054/FUL Inclusion of land into curtilage of Haven, retention of wooden outbuilding (games room, decking and hot tub) and new access gate to stables—The Haven 21 Abergaw Meadow Abergaw Brynmynny by Mr S Middle
P/18/050/FUL Inclusions of land to north of existing property into domestic curtilage—1 Blackfield Row Cefn Cribwr by Mr & Mrs Thorne
The above proposed developments do not accord with the provisions of the

development plan in force in the areas in which the land to which the applications relate are situated.

RESPOND BY: 28/11/2018
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1980
LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

P/18/076/LIS Listed building consent to erect new porch at rear and form new entrance, form new ramps and new lower level eating/drinking area—The Laleston Inn Wind Street Laleston by Mr A Harris
RESPOND BY: 05/12/2018

Mark Shephard Corporate Director Communities / Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol-Cymunedau 15/11/2018

Information wanted on the Cambrian Dash

AS the author of The Great Welsh

Sprint – The story of the Welsh Powderhall

Handicap 1903-1934, I am now researching the history of the Cambrian Dash, an 80-yard foot race held at Taff Vale Park in Pontypridd during or around the same time as

the Welsh Powderhall Sprint, which was a 110-yard handicap for professional athletes.

I would be pleased to hear from anyone who has any information, press cuttings, programmes, photographs etc and I can be contacted by e-mail at brianlee4@virginmedia.com or by telephone on 02920 736438. **Brian Lee, Cardiff.**

'Police force's busy time of year'

HELLO, and welcome to my first column in which I will be letting you know about some of what's going on locally from a police point of view.

It's great to have the opportunity to speak to GEM readers in Bridgend and Porthcawl.

It has been a busy time of year for officers with events such as Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night.

Extra patrols were carried out during this period as well as officers taking part in engagement events with schools to talk to pupils about how to enjoy these celebrations safely.

Tackling anti-social behaviour is a priority for us and I am pleased



by Bridgend Chief Inspector Trudi Meyrick

to say there were no major incidents of anti-social behaviour during this period. We are now focusing on planning for the festive season and New Year celebrations.

You may have read recently in The GEM about an operation to tackle drug supply in the

area in which five people were charged. We are determined to rid our communities of illegal drugs and I would urge anyone with information on drug dealing to please have the confidence to report it to us.

We will investigate any information you give us and take robust action against anyone who attempts to distribute illegal drugs in the area.

Our officers serving the county borough have been equipped with new laptop devices and mobiles. This new technology will improve responsiveness and efficiency by ensuring officers and PCSOs can quickly capture and share information.

It also means less time spent behind a desk and more time out in the community 'on the beat'.

News from Sker WI

THE November meeting of Sker WI was held recently with 35 members present.

Unfortunately the speaker was unable to come and Yvonne Gutteridge very kindly stepped in and showed us how to make friendship posies as it was World Kindness Day on November 13.

Most members brought flowers along and the posies we made would be passed to a friend/neighbor as a gift. The posies looked really colourful when finished.

The Fashion Show we

had was very successful and well attended with a generous donation going to charity. The clothes modelled were from Samantha B. Afterwards there was a buffet.

We have a varied programme coming up including a trip to Labels at Ross-on-Wye and the Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints' Church. Our December meeting will be party night with fish and chips and entertainment to follow.

Anyone wishing to join us will be very welcome. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at St David's church hall, Nottage.

Ann Vipond

Bridgend Quiz League latest news

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. Which four UK cities have underground transport systems?
2. What vegetables are the Scottish 'neeps and tatties'?
3. Beyonce and Michael Jackson had an affair in which TV series set in Wales?

THE results from the Quiz League for November 16 are as follows:

Laleston Inn A 38, Mackworth Arms 39; Ty

Risha Arms 36, Tondur Railway Club 51; Penybont AFC Nomads 4, Five Bells A 38; Chatterton Shunters 50, Oddfellows Arms 35; Five Bells B 50, Pheasant Gamekeepers 41; Prince of Wales Coychurch 48, Cabo Roche 47; Six Bells Clangers 37, Laleston Inn B 41. **SK**

Answers:
1. Glasgow, Liverpool, London and Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
2. Turnips and potatoes.
3. Stella.

'Be happy' says local supermarket



One of the charities that caused a buzz was The Bridgend and District Beekeepers' Association.

WAITROSE held a tea party on November 6 to celebrate 10 years of the Community Matters Green Token scheme, here at Waitrose and Partners, Cowbridge.

Our branch manager, Caroline Sullivan, attended and really enjoyed meeting the charities and other guests.

The charities that attended were: With Music in Mind; With Music In Mind is a singing group for people aged 50 and over to get together, to

socialise and to have fun.

The Bridgend and District Beekeepers' Association: aids development and co-operation among beekeepers and interchanging of ideas and experience, to improve standards of beekeeping.

The Cowbridge and District Museum: the volunteers help with the preservation and communication of the history of Cowbridge and surrounding area.

MELANIE ODDY

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Christmas grotto planned

PORHCRAWL Lions are planning their December events.

The Christmas grotto with Santa in attendance opens on Saturday, December 1 at Porthcawl Museum. Entrance is £4 per child and after meeting Santa each child receives a gift.

The grotto opens every Saturday during December and on Friday, December 14 the Christmas fun continues with a book and bric-a-bac

sale at Trinity Church. The sale opens at 8.30am and goes on to 12pm. There will be tea, coffee, and cakes on sale. All proceeds will go to charity.

The Lions' annual tea party for the elderly residents of Porthcawl is scheduled for Thursday, December 20 at Trinity Church. There will be the usual performance from the Porthcawl Lions' Sinfonic Orchestra and Chorus, which will perform Christmas carols.

For more information, visit www.porthcawllions.org.

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Large crowds attend Remembrance in Dinas Powys



The Ecumenical 7 provided music and two members sounded Last Post.



Representatives of St Cyres School John Barker, Nadiya Islam and Mrs Islam.

IT was, fittingly, a very special Remembrance Day in Dinas Powys.

The new arrangements for the centenary of the Armistice had been planned by a small committee chaired by Cllr John Fanshaw that had been meeting over the last six months.

As expected, large crowds appeared, as did glorious sunshine.

Representatives of local organisations attended as well as many residents and relatives of those who died in the conflicts.

The chair of Dinas Powys Community Council Steve Thomas and community councillors from Dinas Powys and Michaelston-le-Pit were in attendance.

Scouts and Guides were an integral part of the proceedings. Teams from the local rugby and football clubs attended wearing their sports kit.

Music and hymn accompaniment were provided by the Ecumenical 7 and two of

their members sounded Last Post before the two-minute silence and Rouse after.

Dinas Powys Rotary Club and police youth volunteers helped PC Emma Mudie with traffic control.

Many thanks must go to the community council staff who worked with the police and various village organisations to ensure the success of the Armistice Day arrangements.

The staff published the order of service booklet in consultation with local historian Derek Brushett which included the details of every known person from Dinas Powys and Michaelston-le-Pit who died in conflict in the two World Wars.

At the service, the names of the Fallen were read out by Arthur Coxon and Alan Johansson, including the name of William Oliver, the youngest to die, aged only 14.

Cllr Fanshaw said that it was heartening that so many had supported the day and thanked all those who worked so diligently

to ensure that the Armistice Day services and other events to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War were such a success.

He also expressed his gratitude to the Rector, the Rev Andrew James, who led both services.

He also thanked all those behind the scenes who had made contributions to these events, including Dinas Powys WI who made the cascade of poppies, DP Rocks for the children's painted rocks for each of the Fallen, Derek Brushett for the displays in the village and Michaelston-le-Pit and his other publications; the local Scout and Girlguiding organisations for their support on the day and Dinas Powys Baptist Church for providing refreshments at the conclusion of the events on Sunday.

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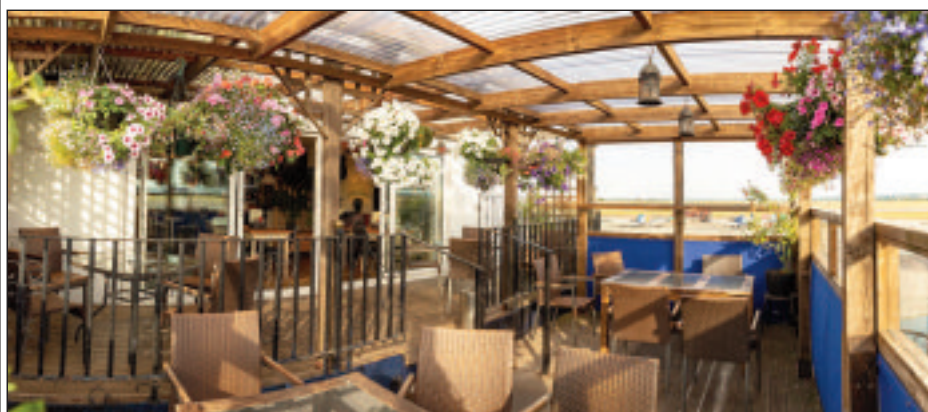
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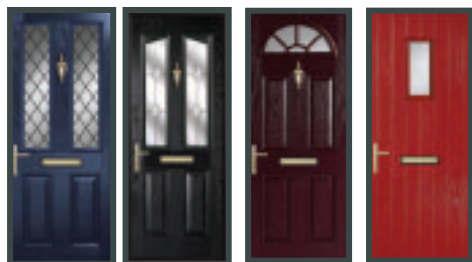
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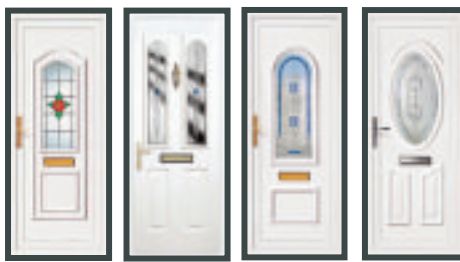


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Vale residents warned after telephone scam concerning 'rat problem'

A NUMBER of Vale residents have been contacted by scammers pretending to be from Environmental Health or Welsh Water, it has been reported.

The scammers are telling people they have a rat problem in their home and are asking the residents for money to eliminate the problem – which does not exist.

This is a particularly active time of year for rogue traders and scammers.

Residents may also be told that work needs doing to their home or garden, or the caller may pretend to be from the council or other

official body.

Spread the word to family and friends – turn away doorstep callers and to hang up the phone if they are made to feel under pressure in any way.

Always remember:

- Be cautious when answering a knock at your door or a telephone call;

- Do not give them any personal information e.g. bank details, passwords or PIN numbers;

- Don't reply, download attachments or click on links in suspicious emails;

- If you are concerned, do not let strangers into your house.

Be careful if something:

- Comes out of the blue or from someone you don't know;

- Sounds too good to be true eg you've won the lottery;

- Asks you to pay for something in advance – especially by bank transfer;

- Asks you for personal information such as bank details, computer passwords or PIN numbers.

- Pressures you into buying something or making a decision quickly – a trustworthy company will be happy to wait.

- Asks you to phone an expensive number – these start with 070, 084, 087, 090, 091 or 098.

Scams can be reported to Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506 or South Wales Police on 101.

Valeways group prescribes a sociable, guided walk!



ABOVE: Valeways walkers recently enjoyed a pleasant stroll around Cosmeston Country park.

GPS are going to be encouraged to refer people for activities including dancing, cooking and walking groups.

Instead of prescribing pills and medicine, doctors will be encouraged to use 'social prescribing'. In this way, Prime Minister Theresa May believes there will be reduced demand on the NHS and an improvement in people's quality of life.

The good news is that there is no need to have a prescription from your GP to join the Valeways Living with Cancer Strollers.

If you would like a sociable short stroll in lovely surroundings with an amicable group of people, then just turn up at the Cosmeston Country Park information centre on the first Thursday of every month at 10.30am.

November's walk circumnavigated the perimeter of the park and everyone appreciated the autumn leaves, which were bathed in sunshine.

December's walk will have a Christmas theme and Santa hats are an essential item of clothing, alongside the walking boots of course!

Lynne Frugniat

Can you give Junebug a home?

JUNEBUG is a sensitive three-year-old collie who is looking for a patient owner who can help her adjust to home life.

She enjoys a fuss once she gets to know you and will want to play with you with her toys. She does get on with other dogs, but she is best suited as the only pet in the home.

Junebug can live with children aged 14 years and over and will need someone around for the most part of the

day as she is not used to being left on her own. Multiple visits to the centre will also be needed so that she can get to know her new owners.

Canine carer Lyndsey said: "Junebug was nervous initially, but now she has got to know me, she is loving, affectionate and fun. This sweet girl will be ideal for those with collie knowledge and experience."

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A visit to the Menin Gate for Ysgol Bro Morgannwg pupils



The Menin Gate honours British and Commonwealth soldiers who fell and who have no known grave.

YSGOL Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg pupils have had a busy half term, with school trips to China, Iceland and to Belgium's battlefields.

The initial trip to Belgium was organised

to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One when 90 year-9 pupils visited important historical locations of the Great War.

During the three-day tour, the pupils joined families of the fallen soldiers and took part in

the *Last Post* service at the Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing in Ypres, Belgium.

Pupils also visited the grave of Ellis Humphrey Evans (Hedd Wyn), the poet from Trawsfynydd who died in the Battle of Passchendaele just months before the announcement that he had won the eisteddfod, and since then, in his honour it is known as 'the black chair'.

The next stop was John McCrae's Memorial, set in the area where the poet had written his famous poem *In Flanders Field*.

The trip concluded with a visit to the Welsh Soldiers' War Memorial

located at the site of the Battle of the Somme.

Heledd Lewis, YGBM Welsh teacher explained: "During the first term in year-9, pupils study the Great War in their Welsh, English and history lessons."

"To conclude our term's work with this special trip has given the children a greater perspective of the immensity of this war, especially as some of the pupils had family members who fought in these battles 100 years ago."

Lillian Evans, year-9 pupil, commented: "This was an amazing experience which allowed us to empathise with the young soldiers

and the conditions they had to face."

"It gave us an unforgettable understanding of our studies, and made us all realise the massive effect the Great War had on everyone."

This week, year-9 pupils will lead an assembly to remember the soldiers who fought for us and will share their experiences and knowledge with the rest of the school.

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Barry Memorial Hall meeting honours inspirational women



RECENTLY, to mark the significance of the work of the Suffragettes, 100 years ago, Women's Connect First honoured inspirational women at Barry Memorial Hall.

Women from Barry and Cardiff were honoured and at the event, Pat Roberts, Sudha Bhat, Vilas Kerrai and Radhika Kadaba shared their perspectives – they are all from diverse backgrounds.

What unites these women is that they have overcome challenges and broken boundaries in their own way.

The keynote speech was given by Vale AM Jane Hutt, who is the Women's Connect First Community Champion. She impressed upon all of us why it's important to be brave and challenge yourself, and how striving to be your best is an ongoing journey.

Hilary Brown's speech was impressive. The Mums of Wales Tamil Sangam performed an entertaining dance, and thanks go to Amal and her girls who treated everyone with freshly made yum yum snacks.

Report by Kalpana Natarajan

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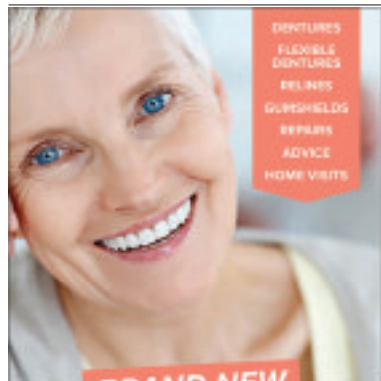
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A FESTIVE LOOK AT *Holton Road, Barry*

Holton Road is all set to serve up a Christmas bonanza

RIGHT: *There's always a great atmosphere in King Square, Barry, when the Christmas lights are switched on.*

A 'CHRISTMAS bonanza' is promised on Holton Road this year, with a visit by Santa Claus and his elves, the Christmas lights switch-on, an outdoor cinema, a festive market, live music, street entertainers and much more.

The special Christmas Weekender takes place on Saturday, November 24 from 11am until 6pm, and on Sunday, November 25 from 11am until 4pm.

The Christmas lights will be switched on at 6pm on Saturday evening.

Emma Thorne of Holton Road Traders' Association said there would be something for all the family:

"Santa and his elves will be in his grotto on both days. We will have performances on the stage as a countdown to the Christmas lights switch-on on Saturday and there will be street entertainers too.

"Both days will feature a market with crafts, Christmas gifts, and food stalls and some of the food stalls will be from other areas of the UK.

"We hope to have people performing on the stage on Sunday too. There will also be an open-air cinema on Sunday in Central Park showing the Christmas film *Elf* at 4pm."

The Vale Council and Barry Town Council have helped to organise the weekend and the Vale Council has informed people attending the film in Central Park that there will be flooring, outdoor heaters and festive



food and drink to keep them warm, but that they should consider bringing blankets. An alternative venue will be found in the event of very bad weather.

Vale Cabinet member, Cllr Jonathan Bird, said: "The council is always looking at ways to support

local traders and is organising a series of events in the lead-up to Christmas.

"Hopefully these activities will encourage people to visit Barry town centre, offering them an enjoyable festive experience and boosting local businesses in the process."

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Living la Bella Vita in Holton Road

L A Bella Vita is a great name for a beauty bar – although customers do inevitably call it 'LBV' but either way, this is a Holton Road business that is always busy.

Owner Cerian Bobbett opened just over a year ago and she and her staff are looking forward to Christmas.

Back in January, she had two staff but now that has grown to six, which tells you a lot about how LBV has been received in Barry.

Cerian said: "We have

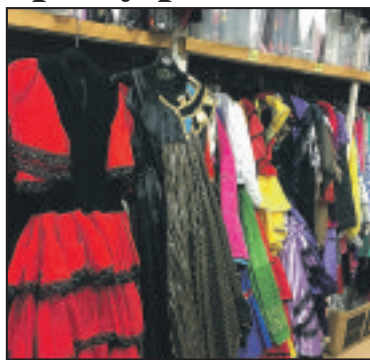
a great deal with Christmas in mind – a £40 hair styling and make up offer."

Cerian and Evie are the salon's hair stylists, and LBV specialises in hair extensions.

For all the latest makeup techniques, Shanice and Simone are on hand to offer their skills, while Natalie, an eight-year qualified beautician, is an expert in treatments such as the new microdermabrasion by SkinBase.

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Just Fancy can solve your Christmas party problems



ABOVE: Just some of the costumes at Just Fancy in Holton Road.

IT's a busy time at the moment for Just fancy in Holton Road – but that's not unusual.

The fancy dress hire shop caters for all eventualities, but as the school Christmas and Nativity performance season approaches, it all gets hectic.

Add to that the groups putting on pantos, and it

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From nibblers to treatments, the Beauty Rooms has so much to offer

IN Holton Road you will find 'The Beauty Rooms @ The Nibblers' – and there's a good reason for the name adjustment.

They still have those peckish fish that can provide a natural pedicure, but they offer so much more that it's time to get that

message across.

The salon's manager, Carys, said: "We've been established for eight years now and offer a full range of beauty treatments, and we also do waxing and a nail service as well."

The Beauty Rooms @ The Nibblers is a stockist of Elemis advanced skin care products, offering treatments and also the product.

Another popular product and treatment in the salon at the moment is Nouveau Lashes, and the salon also offers microblading for eyebrows.

Carys added: "Our Christmas vouchers are always popular at this time of year, and we have regular special offers. Just follow us on Facebook, Instagram or other social media for details."

Top treatments at Bodywise



The Christmas decorations have gone up at Bodywise.

BODYWISE beauty salon has been in Holton Road since 1994, and over that time owner Jackie Howells has constantly developed and refined the business.

The salon spreads over two floors, with tranquil areas for treatments such as massage and facials, and a pedicure and manicure area, and a number of individual treatment rooms for essential beauty treatments.

Bodywise offers some specialised treatments such as sports massage, skin tag and red vein

removal and also a new addition to the salon is the superb SHR Laser Hair Removal.

The business is registered with Health Inspectorate Wales to ensure all legislation for Laser treatment is fully covered. The salon is also an O.P.I. nail care and Skinny Tan appointed salon and stocks many products for retail.

She told The GEM: "Recently, we were delighted to receive a five-star rating with the PHorest salon booking system."

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At Kerridwen each month, Kathrin gifts a free treatment to someone who deserves it, or she runs a special offer.

The offers are available on Kathrin's Facebook page.



Spartan Flooring – 'great prices and service'



Gareth and Tom at Spartan Flooring.

IT's fair to say that Spartan Flooring is the newest business in Holton Road, but the two partners in the enterprise bring a wealth of experience to their speciality.

Spartan Flooring has been open two weeks, but Gareth and Tom both used to work in the wholesale sector, and their bringing their combined knowledge to retailing.

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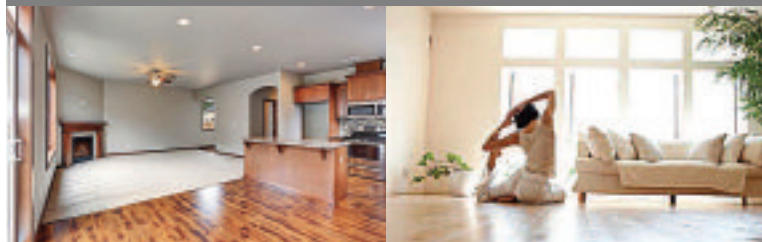
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Schedule 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Friday 23rd November 2018 To Monday 26th November 2018	The area to be closed is Holton Road Barry from its junction with Ty-Newydd Road to a point 50m east of its junction with Llantwit Street.	From 10.00am on Friday 23rd November 2018 to 10.30am on Monday 26th November 2018

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Dated this 15th day of November 2018

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New pub offers tradition - with a modern twist



Frangoulis: a shoe repairer's with sole

AS the oldest established family owned shoe repair business in Barry, Frangoulis has seen a lot of changes.

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Key cutting was introduced in the early '70s, which has developed and grown over the years. The company is now of one

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We also stock a variety of high quality leather goods including wallets, purses and key cases.

We offer an extensive range of trophies, shields and cups, all can be engraved on site to a high specification using our computerised engraving service.

A business that is new to Holton Road this year is the Butterfly Collector - described by owner Gareth Slattery as Barry's first micropub.

Gareth told the GEM that micropubs were catching on all over the UK.

He said: "Barry has lacked pubs that sell a vast array of real ales. Real ale has progressed massively over the last 10 years, and flavours range from traditional, on to a huge variety including coffee and grapefruit."

A similar revolution has taken place in the making of ciders, and The Butterfly Collector stocks 20 different varieties at any one time - with flavours ranging from elderflower to gin and tonic and on to rhubarb.

When it comes to real ales, eight different casks are available for sampling, and they are changed regularly. It's unlikely that you will be

offered the same beer twice at The Butterfly Collector.

Many more craft beers are available on draft and in bottles, and you can also try wines and artisan Welsh spirits.

Gareth says the pub promotes conversation - the aim is to be a traditional pub with a modern format.

Opening hours are 11am to 11pm, seven days a week, and he is thrilled that he has already been given CAMRA accreditation - there are only five others in the Vale and Bridgend.

Gareth added: "I don't mind harking back to times gone by. The Butterfly Collector is a good pub, with good beer and good people - and plenty of variety."

"Since we opened, we have had amazing support from people in Barry, and for that we are extremely grateful."

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Cod, chips, and mushy peas, and the true spirit of Christmas

A BARRY ISLAND fish and chip shop has 'seized the public's imagination' by deciding to open on Christmas Day to make it a special time for people who are alone or in need.

Alice Harding, the manager of O'Shea's Fish and Chip Shop, came up with the idea - aware that while most people have a happy family time, there are those 'less fortunate'.

She says she has been overwhelmed by the 'positive response' of the public: "The idea is to open on Christmas Day from 12 noon until 3pm for people who may be alone. They may have lost a husband or wife; they could be a young person in a hostel, an elderly person or someone with mental health issues."

"We'll be serving up a free meal and mince pies and hopefully make them



The staff of O'Shea's are looking forward to a busy Christmas Day.

feel loved and bring a smile to their face.

"I've been overwhelmed by the response. Since we came up with the idea my phone hasn't stopped ringing."

People have volunteered to man the shop and make mince pies and hot drinks. O'Shea's is also organising special local deliveries for people who

cannot get down to the Island and people are volunteering to run the delivery service too. The shop has printed 2,000 flyers to publicise its Christmas invitation.

Alice said she owed a 'debt of thanks' to local woman Zoe Belle for helping in organising things.

Alice also wants GEM readers to have a think about whether there is

someone they would like to nominate either to go to the Island or to have a delivery.

She said: "Everybody involved in this is important, including the people who nominate someone. To nominate a person they can contact me, O'Shea's, on Facebook, or 07703 797983."

Barry Men's Forum has talk on choirs

AT Last week's meeting our guest speaker was Dean Powell, who was a journalist and now spends his free time delving into local history, and is also an active member of the Treorchy Male Voice Choir.

He brought along many graphics illustrating his talk which not only referred to the Treorchy choir but also such similar such choirs as the Pendyrus and Morriston.

These choirs almost certainly date back to 1890s when the valley communities were burgeoning due to the new-found wealth of coal.

Besides new towns being created in the valleys and many collieries the communities needed houses, roads, shops, schools and places of worship to name but a few of the requisites.

Many communities' places of worship did not have organs or pianos to accompany worship and there started to appear numerous choirs with employees from the collieries as choristers.

These choirs firstly began in the local public

houses as befits their thirsty work. Many of the choirs had musical directors who had no training musically but their achievements were monumental; awards were won at eisteddfods and inter-valley competitions.

Queen Victoria commanded that the Treorchy choir perform in her presence, such was the royal command they were invited to return, requests from other events followed not only in the UK but worldwide as far as the USA and Australia.

In recent years membership of the Welsh choirs has fallen dramatically, whether it be from the ageing process or not being able to be committed to attend rehearsals or concerts.

One such choir, namely the Barry Male Voice, is bucking this trend having recently launched a recruitment campaign and new membership has been very successful.

Further information regarding Barry Men's Forum may be obtained from Mac Tanner on 01446 743455, new members are always welcome.

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Coffee morning commemorates end of World War One

LLANDOUGH Community Council hold a free coffee morning and odd sock reunion on Saturday, November 24 from 10am to 1pm in the Llandough War Memorial Hall.

The event is designed to commemorate the 100th year anniversary of the end of the First World War and during the morning Father Mark Jones from St Dochdwy's Church will lead those present in helping us all remember the contribution made by armed forces in protecting our country during the war.

The council has been awarded a grant by the There But Not There and Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, which has been used to purchase silhouettes which are on

display throughout the community.

They are designed to help us all remember the lives lost by people in support of their country during a very difficult period in the history of our nation.

The event is open to anyone who wishes to take part in this local remembrance event and people are invited to bring along with them as many odd socks as they have.

During the morning we will invite those present to take with them matched up pairs of socks and make a donation in aid of Help for Heroes.

We look forward to welcoming a large audience to this event from those living in Llandough and from elsewhere in the neighbouring areas.

COMMUNITY NEWS
TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL
News and views from
Nancy Davidge, Tynewydd, Llangan. 01656 860303.

Reminder: Saron Chapel Treoes
A TABLE top sale will take place in the Treoes community hall on Sunday, December 2 between 10am and 12.30pm.

There will be a variety of books, cakes, toys and lots more. The proceeds will benefit Saron Chapel.

St Mary Hill beacon

THE beacon on St Mary Hill commemorating the ending of the 1914 - 1918 war would have been seen for many miles. I hope it gave time to reflect on the lives lost in the four year conflict. Thank you, to Mary Lloyd and her family.

The local man who made the world a better place for man's best friend

TRIBUTES have been paid to Dogs Trust CEO Adrian Burder who died unexpectedly following a short illness.

Mr Burder (53), who lived in Cowbridge, was described by staff at the charity described him as an "inspirational leader" and "a humorous, kind man with a quick wit and a dry sense of humour".

Jim Monteith, Dogs Trust acting CEO, said: "Adrian was one of a kind - his passion for animal welfare changed the lives of millions of dogs in the 24 years he was at Dogs Trust."

"He will be terribly missed by staff, trustees and volunteers past and present, and we are so grateful for his immeasurable contribution to making the world a better place for man's best friend."

"We are all still letting this tragic news sink in."

"Adrian has been an integral part of our charity for so many years, as a hugely successful fundraiser and then as CEO since 2014. Adrian is Dogs Trust and we will continue our work in his memory."

Suzie Carley, executive director, Dogs Trust Ireland, said Mr Burder was passionate about improving the lives of dogs: "Adrian didn't just drive Dogs Trust, it drove him."

"He was thankful every single day for the opportunity to lead an organisation that he cared so deeply about."

"His love of dogs and his passion for improving their lives throughout the world is testament to the incredible legacy he has left behind."

Before starting at the National Canine Defence League (the precursor to Dogs Trust) in 1994, Mr Burder had worked in marketing for the British



Adrian Burder from Cowbridge had a passion for animal welfare and changed the lives of millions of dogs for the better.

Union for the Abolition of Vivisection.

But it was at Dogs Trust that he made his greatest impact, starting out as the charity's first fundraiser and eventually becoming chief executive in 2014.

On becoming CEO, he commented: "I'm obsessive about the charity. Having the chance to lead an organisation you love is a great honour."

Under his guidance, Dogs Trust's income rose from £3 million in the year 2016 to 2017.

It meant more rehoming centres and many more dogs cared for.

In 1994 there were nine rehoming centres - now Dogs Trust has 21 centres. Last year staff cared for 15,446 stray, abandoned and relinquished dogs.

At Mr Burder's insistence, every element of the design at the rehoming centres, was directed to give dogs the maximum welfare and comfort.

He reinvigorated the charity's dog sponsorship programme which meant

that dogs unsuitable for rehoming could be looked after for the rest of their lives at Dogs Trust centres.

In recent years, he played a pivotal role in the government's decision to make microchipping compulsory for all dogs in the UK.

In recent years, he chose to spend any holiday time in south Wales, taking his own rescue dogs Ruby and Skipper on long coastal walks.

He was a keen rugby fan and had regular email discussions with colleagues on Wales' progress in the Six Nations Championship.

Mr Burder was keen to do more in Wales and was thrilled when Cardiff Council granted planning permission for a new dog rehoming centre to be built in the Splott area of Cardiff.

The new centre is due to open in 2020.

Mr Burder's funeral will take place at 12 noon on Friday, November 30 at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge.

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Penarth's Remembrance began by remembering the town's VCs



PICTURES BY GLYN EVANS

NOVEMBER'S Armistice centenary commemorations saw thousands across town come together to remember the momentous ceasefire in the Great War.

To mark the occasion, Penarth's communities had collaborated to remember the sacrifices made during World War One, the efforts of and effects on survivors, and the social changes that followed.

On November 9, Penarth Town Council planted a commemorative oak at Cliff Walk on behalf of the town. In a service presided over by Rev Peter Cox, the Town Mayor Cllr Jon Luxton dedicated the tree, donated by Roger Mundy in memory of his late father Flying Officer AL (Les) Mundy.

Flying Officer Mundy was initially Adjutant latterly Commanding Officer of No 2071 Squadron (Stamford Town) Air Training Corps from July 15, 1943 until his untimely death at 42 years of age on January 21, 1949.

Following his death his ashes were brought from Nottingham, where he died, and scattered in the churchyard of St Augustine's Church, Penarth.

At the Garden of Remembrance a large service took place to dedicate two new memorial stones to Penarth's Victoria Cross recipients, Capt Richard Wain and Sgt Samuel Pearce.

Secured with the help of Dr Jonathan Hicks, the stones were dedicated in the presence of the families of both soldiers.

Along with many hundreds of members of the public, guests included representatives of the Australian Government, LCDR

Brad Rhodes; the Royal Tank Regiment, Colonel Commandant RTR, Maj General John Patterson CB and officers from the Regiment from Tidworth; the Royal Fusiliers, Major Mick McCarthy and Colonel Nick Beswick; staff and pupils from Llandaff Cathedral School, the Lord Lieutenant and Chris Coode and Robin Mellor of the Great War Society, who stood watch over the stones in period uniform.

As part of the service by Rev Cox, Penarth Civic Society planted a rowan tree which was dedicated by Vaughan Gething AM. Victoria Primary School contributed a display of hand painted memorial stones.

Philip Morris of the Royal British Legion performed *Last Post* and the *Rouse* and Richard James and Matthew Salisbury of the Legion led tributes, along with the Town Mayor and Dr Hicks.

Following the service, Penarth Town Council held the Penarth Remembers memorial event at the Paget Rooms.

This was attended by over a thousand visitors, where along with hearing the stories of Capt Wain and Sgt Pearce was an opportunity to see numerous projects developed by community groups and schools, memorabilia, history displays, music and film.

Dozens of community groups and individuals exhibited displays, with hundreds of children representing all schools in Penarth and helping to pass on the lessons of the Great War and its after-effects.

Guests were moved by the performances of musicians from St Cyprian School and a choir led by Rosemary Cook.

On Saturday, St Augustine's Church held an Open Church Extra which allowed visitors to

learn more on the Roll of Honour memorial. At All Saints' Church, an open day showcased the 32 young men from the parish who perished in the War.

November 11 saw Penarth's largest Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day Parade in many years.

Thousands joined the parade through the town, before pausing for the wreath-laying and two minute silence at the Garden of Remembrance.

The parade, organised by the Royal British Legion, continued to St Augustine's Church where a full congregation observed the Remembrance service, led by Rev Mark Jones.

Following the service, the parade continued to Penarth's Ex Servicemen's Club.

At Stanwell School, Stanwell Remembers explored the lives of inspirational First World War women through original songs and storytelling.

Penarth Town Council wishes to thank all participants and attendees of events, The commemorations brought the town together and will live long in the memory of very many people.

The Roll of Honour pays tribute to Arthur and William Monroe,



Design organised a town window display based on the 32 Penarth lives that were lost during the war. Wireart poppies are still in place in shop windows of independent retailers, with information on each of the men who died, the Roll of Honour.

Events continue on Thursday, November 15 with *No Petticoats Here* at Penarth Ex Servicemen's Club, Hammond, William

exploring the lives of inspirational First World War women through original songs and storytelling.

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Nicholas McDonald

Rugby legend Campo loses bet against local man

EVEREST-BOUND former rugby player Paul Watkins managed to win a bet with Australian legend David Campese on Saturday at the Wales versus Australia clash.

Mr Watkins, who lives in Rhosne, is off to Everest next year to raise funds for the children's charity Wooden Spoon.

He told The GEM: "On Saturday I had the honour of being included at the president's suite in the stadium."

"I was in the company of the great David Campese who is a great guy who took time to ask me in depth about the challenge. He is very proactive in children's charities."

"At half-time I issued him with a challenge. I said: 'If we win, you have to wear my Wooden Spoon bobble hat.' Fair play to him, he is a man of his word."

Mr Watkins also had time to chat with Mr Campese about his views on the modern game. "He was a very knowledgeable and mentioned that he hates the fact the game is so structured now."

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VISIT **COWBRIDGE** THIS CHRISTMAS

A Magical Festive Experience

Wales and British Lions legend Gareth Thomas set to switch on Cowbridge's Christmas lights

CHRISTMAS is coming, the geese (and turkeys, ducks, and sundry other fowl and game birds) are getting fat. The nip in the air and frost of a couple of weeks ago will surely soon return.

Mince pies are now firmly on the menu, as well as this year's must-have (or rather, must-eat) item pigs *under* blankets.

The lights are up, shop windows and halls are decked with boughs of holly.

Couples up and down the land are looking forward to parents and in-laws arriving for an extended break, and are already watching *The Great Escape* not for enjoyment, but as a how-to guide...

It really is beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Almost anything one could want for friends and loved ones, or family, for Christmas, from food to footwear, from drinks to jewellery, to clothing and cards, and toys to tinsel can be found in Cowbridge.

And in Cowbridge, Christmas begins the Sunday before Advent with the now traditional Reindeer Parade and switching on of the illuminations on Sunday, November 25.

A firmly established family favourite, this year's Reindeer Parade – it begins at 12 noon – is going to be bigger and better than previous years, said organiser Alun John.

"I know we say it each year, but this really is going to be the best Reindeer Parade yet," said Alun.

"The thing is," he continued, "there are so many exciting things happening that I don't want to spoil the surprise by telling all The GEM's readers too much!"

There will be entertainment laid on by the Llantwit and Cowbridge Lions for the youngsters, and Santa's grotto will be in the car park of Arthur John.

Anyone who has visited Cowbridge in recent weeks cannot have failed to notice the festive lighting that crosses the road.

"This was introduced last year and is the result of hard graft, determination and an extra fundraising drive by the Chamber of Trade," said Alun.

"It proved popular last year, and that shows that it's worth the extra effort made for the town, for the residents, for the visitors and for the traders," he said.

"It's our, the traders and the Chamber of Trade's, way of giving a little back to the people that supports us."

In addition to the parade, there will, of course, be carol singing, and a celeb or two (did we say rugby star and former Wales captain Gareth "Alfie" Thomas will be switching on the lights, as well as television presenters Lucy and Rhodri Owen, and TV weathergirl Ruth Wignall).

The countdown for the switch-on to brightly bathe the town in Christmas cheer and the rosy glow of amity begins at 4.45pm.

Long-range weather forecasting is an arcane art rather than a science, but GEM staff have been gazing into their crystal balls, and with the certainty of Michael Fish on October 15, 1987, we can

positively, definitely, and without fear of contradiction that it will be a crisp, clear day.

Maybe.

Perhaps we should ask Ruth for a forecast?

"But do wrap up warm, and bring a brolly, just in case," advises Alun, adding "there will be plenty of things to do and eat to keep you warm if the temperature drops a bit."

Alun gave his heartfelt thanks to all who have helped so far.

"We are extremely grateful to all the organisations and individuals who are helping support the event this year. If anyone would like to make a donation to help support the event, there is still time, so please contact me on 01446 772229 or Kate on 01446 772255."

Read on for a rundown of some of Cowbridge's premier businesses that are ready and waiting to help you start your Christmas in a very merry and truly festive way.

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Children's event after reindeer parade

AS last year, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions are arranging entertainment for young children in the Lesser Hall of Cowbridge Town Hall on the afternoon of reindeer parade day (Sunday, November 25).

The Lions' Christmas Bazaar will run from 1.30pm in the Lesser Hall and will be free of charge to young children up to the age of eight accompanied at all times by a responsible adult. No ticket will be required.

A variety of entertainment will be on offer including 'The Magnificent

Johnno', Christmas-themed craft activities and games provided by Cylch Meithrin Y Bont Faen nursery and a tombola.

The Magnificent Johnno will be putting on shows at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm. Other activities will be continuous throughout the afternoon.

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It's all systems go at 'stationery heaven' on Cowbridge High Street

IF you are looking for Christmas ideas for children, there are two shops in Cowbridge that you must visit: The Pencil Case on Eastgate and The Toy Box on Willow Walk.

Owner Sally Stephenson told us "We have some fabulous gift ideas and stocking fillers for children of all ages in both shops, with new products arriving every week.

"Older children (and adults) love the brightly coloured stationery at The Pencil Case - pens and pencils, notebooks, diaries, writing sets, collectible Iwako erasers, pocket money stationery and the very popular range of Top Model colouring and sticker books. The Pencil Case is regularly described as 'stationery heaven'.

"For younger children, our toy shop - The Toy Box on Willow Walk - is bursting with toys and games suitable from birth to pre-teens.

"We have a fabulous range of quality toys including Big Jigs wooden toys and train sets, Orchard Toys games, Le Toy Van dolls houses, Ty Beanie Boo soft toys, musical instruments, family board games and lots of stocking fillers, to name just a few.

"As Christmas is only six weeks away, we are running a "Countdown to Christmas" promotion - 10 per cent off one selected range every week.

"This week it's 10 per cent off the Le Toy Van dolls houses and accessories range. Pop in each week or check our Facebook page to see which range is on offer next."

The Pencil Case also has a stunning selection of greetings and Christmas cards in Welsh and English and a wide range of helium balloons.

And, if you just can't decide what to buy, why not pick up a gift voucher - they are redeemable in either shop.

Both the Pencil Case



and The Toy Box will be open for the Reindeer Parade on Sunday, November 25 - take the children for a free balloon and a treat.

The Pencil Case is at

50 Eastgate and The Toy Box is on Willow Walk, next to Fablas ice cream parlour, The Yard pizza restaurant and Kingfisher Gallery.



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LEFT: Santa Claus makes his way down High Street at last year's Reindeer Parade - keep reading The GEM and visit our website - glamorgangem.co.uk - for full coverage of this year's parade and the Christmas lights switch-on.

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News from the Fonmon Apiary

WINTER must eventually set in, and the bees are well aware of this.

They have adjusted to the shorter daylight periods and disposed of all of the drones (male bees).

However, the very mild conditions are allowing foraging to continue and queens are still laying - colony numbers should be reducing!

If mild weather does continue, will I see colony expansion and even preparations for swarming? Not a far-fetched theory I might add, the climate is changing. The bees will adjust, and so must the beekeeper.

This is all very confusing to those new to beekeeping when all the literature is telling them that the bees will shut down (not hibernate) and they can be left to get on with it until spring of next year. That has been the norm until now.

As you will be aware from previous articles, the Varroa mite gets serious attention from me and, yes, I am still counting them.

Consider the numbers present in my Number 7 colony: 3,023 - and this is just from an 11-day period. This converts to approximately 200 mites dying every day without any introduced control measures.

Such a large number does mean that there is a large amount of brood (larvae) present in the colony and this presence gives the Varroa the opportunity to enter a cell prior to it being sealed.

Once the cell is sealed and the larvae commences its metamorphosis cycle, the invading Varroa (adult female primed to produce) does just that.

One Varroa goes in and eventually as the new bees emerge, at least five mites emerge with it.

Lots of mites equates to lots of brood to breed on.

After some 20 years-plus we are still not able to eradicate this serious invader. Whatever we come up with as a control measure, the mites come up with their own antidote.

There are still those who are convinced that they have no Varroa - you do!

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Is my parking fine? Not for some in the Vale...

THE streets where people are most likely to get a parking fine in the Vale have been revealed.

Windsor Road in Penarth has seen the most penalty charge notices so far this year with 359 from the start of April to October 25.

Holton Road in Barry had a total of 261 fines in that time, while Glebe Street in Penarth had 180.

During the whole of 2017/18, Windsor Road had 771 fines, Holton Road had 540 and Glebe Street had 289.

The number of parking tickets in Holton Road in 2017/18 had fallen dramatically from the 1,308 issued there a year earlier.

Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson said: "Is this because there are fewer drivers ignoring the rules when parking, or have the officers made fewer visits to Barry town centre than in previous years, and so are booking fewer people?"

"We need to see the number of visits that the enforcement officers are making, so we can judge whether fewer people are breaking the rules, or just that officers just aren't there to book them."

"If there are genuinely fewer traffic problems on Holton Road, then that calls into question the need for car parking charges in the centre of Barry."

The top three streets in the Vale in recent years for parking tickets are:

2013/14, Holton Road, Barry – 1,295; Paget Road, Barry – 579; Rivermouth Car Park, Ogmere by Sea – 437.

2014/15, Holton Road, Barry – 1,066; Windsor Road, Penarth – 636;

High Street, Cowbridge – 462.

2015/16, Holton Road, Barry – 875; Windsor Road, Penarth – 489; Paget Road, Barry – 419.

2016/17, Holton Road, Barry – 1,308; Windsor Road, Penarth – 706; Paget Road, Barry – 489.

2017/18, Windsor Road, Penarth – 771; Holton Road, Barry – 540; Glebe Street Penarth – 289.

2018/19, (up to October 25) Windsor Road, Penarth – 359; Holton Road, Barry – 261 Glebe Street, Penarth – 180.

Since April 2013, the Vale Council and Bridgend County Borough Council have enforced parking regulations under a shared service.

In the Vale, there are currently five civil enforcement officers based at the Alps Depot in Wenvoe. A council report said that no targets are set and fines are only issued "if they believe a contravention has occurred".

The Civil Parking Enforcement Service is supposed to be "self-financing," but in 2017/18 it had a deficit of £19,500 – after three consecutive years of marking a surplus.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "The role of civil enforcement officers is to identify illegal and irresponsible parking in an effort to keep roads clear and safe."

"Maintaining traffic flow is particularly important in town centres where poor parking can cause obstruction and congestion. In most instances, before issuing a ticket, officers will attempt to explain why an individual should not be parked illegally."

Matt Discombe, local democracy reporter

Model soldiers take stock of Boys Village war memorial

THE article in last week's GEM about St Athan Boys Village in West Aberthaw prompted reader Mark Snowden to submit this photograph and comment: "A few years ago a group of friends modelled for me in front of Boys' Village memorial."

"It seems poignant to show this photo at the time of the World War One centenary."

"It honours those young lads that died so young from our area and the girlfriends, wives and families they left behind."



Celebrating student success at college



The glittering awards event gala.

CARDIFF and Vale College has celebrated the hard work of its students with an awards evening.

The standard of winners was so high that the overall Principal's Award had to be given to two students: Bethan Hearne and Tom Lewis.

Miss Hearne studied A Levels at the college and won the General Education Award. Bethan was one of the College's highest A* Level achievers in 2017-18, attaining A* grades in Psychology and Biology and As in Maths and Welsh Baccalaureate. Bethan is now studying Psychology at Oxford University.

Miss Hearne, from Penarth, said: "I wasn't expecting this at all. College helps you become so much more independent and it helped me to believe in myself, so if that's what her future career. AS

Christmas concert in Barry

BARRY Community Choir invites you to start off the Christmas celebrations with 'A Very Merry Christmas Concert'.

We will hold our Christmas concert in Crossway Church, Barry on Sunday, December 9 at 3pm. Tickets are available now through the website, Facebook page, from choir members and on the door for £7 (no charge for children 16 and under); you will be entered into a prize draw for a Christmas hamper and also be welcome to sample a delicious array of festive 'nibbles' after the concert.

There will also be a Grand Raffle in the interval. So come in from the cold and sample the warm delights of our festive offering – and you can join in too.

people need they should definitely come to college."

The other winner was Tom from Maesteg, an Electrical Installation Apprentice with Blues Electrical who won the Engineering Award.

One of the top three electrical apprentices in the country, Mr Lewis came third in the Sparks UK Electrical Apprentice contest in 2017. Supported by his employer Blues Electrical and his CAVC Lecturer Geoff Shaw, Mr Lewis was also selected for Team UK at EuroSkills in Budapest where he competed against some of the best apprentices and trainees in Europe.

The Construction Award was won by Nia Jones, from Bridgend and a Level 3 Construction and the Built Environment student, demonstrated initiative and focus on her future career. AS

Students' art work gets the 'thumbs-up'



From left: Phoebe Pudge, Eve Hammond and Holly Rogers.

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School's arts pupils' annual exhibition of work was held recently at the Old Hall Community Centre, with the support of the Vale Council.

Members of the public, tutors and staff from the Old Hall Adult Education commented on the standard of the work displayed.

As usual, The Cowbridge Arts Group kindly judged the pupils' work and awarded the winners certificates and cheques, which were presented

later in the art department.

The finalists were as follows:

First prize: Phoebe Pudge (Application BSC Games Programming). Second prize: Eve Hammond (Application BA Art and Psychology). Third prize: Holly Rogers (Application BA Photography).

Clare Parry, head of art at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, is once again 'thrilled' with the links forged between the school, Cowbridge Arts group, Old Hall Adult Education and the Community as it gives students an opportunity to exhibit their work outside school. Well done to all.

Ciela Lewis

The local Scout post is now 'up and running'

ONE of the major fundraising efforts for local Girlguiding is the Scout Christmas post and in

Llandough funds go towards supporting the local Scout and Guide hall.

People can send their

local Christmas cards for 30p.

The last day of posting is Monday, December 3. Organisers request that people write the full address and post code clearly.

The stamps can be obtained from the following places in Llandough and Cogan: WJ Horne & Son Ltd, 52, Pill Street, Cogan; The Merrie Harrier, 15 Spencer Drive, Llandough; and 12 Downfield Close, Llandough.

More information on the Scout post in the Vale and Cardiff is available at: www.cardiffandvalescouts.org.uk/scoutpost_TC

ValePlus presentation

VALEPLUS, the local charity that provides lifelong learning and leisure opportunities for people with a learning disability, is holding a certificate presentation and Christmas Fair on Friday, November 30 from 1.30pm until 3pm at its centre in High Street, Barry.

All are welcome to attend and tickets (£2.50) are available from ValePlus on 01446 746691.

Remembrance at Lavernock



THE little former church of St Lawrence at Lavernock hosted a poignant hour of Remembrance last Sunday.

Blood-red flower arrangements, crosses and poppies decorated the interior and the congregation sang evocative hymns.

There were scripture and poetry readings, some words of reflection, and acts of remembrance, penitence and commitment to peace. Moments of stillness and quiet punctuated the service as all reflected and remembered.

Over tea and coffee afterwards, there was good fellowship among the members of the congregation.

Thanks to all who took part; the working party who put the fine decorations in place and to florist Julian for his meaningful arrangements.

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Out & About with The GEM

McQueen's Widows are impressive, if flawed...

STEVE MCQUEEN'S star has risen considerably in the last decade. The Turner Prize winner's debut feature *Hunger* was a coruscating piece of filmmaking, and from there he has made *Shame*, and the Oscar-winning *12 Years A Slave*.

Not known for stories with too much light, his latest film, *Widows* (based on the Lynda La Plante mini-series from the early 1980s), tells the story of Veronica (Viola Davis), whose husband Harry (Liam Neeson) is a robbery expert. When Harry and his crew are ambushed and killed, and their van containing \$2 million blows up, Veronica finds herself in debt to the man whose money they had – local criminal kingpin Jamal Manning (Brian Tyree Henry).

When she uncovers one of Harry's plans to steal \$5 million, she calls upon the widows of his crew (Elizabeth Debicki and Michelle Rodriguez) to help her carry out the robbery, and hopefully stop Manning and his quick-

tempered brother Jatemme (Daniel Kaluuya) from coming after them...

From the opening sequence, where we cut between the nitty-gritty of a robbery getaway in the back of a van to serene moments shared between Veronica and Harry, you realise *Widows* is going to be a little more smarter and stylish than your average crime thriller. So it proves, a film where an incredible cast and superb direction overcome a narrative that feels a little familiar and worn to make for an impressive, if flawed, piece of work.

For a director who is so comfortable balancing style with substance, Steve McQueen does an excellent job here. He brings a level of beauty and intimacy to the story and the characters, the film looking gorgeous.

He shows he can ramp up the tension with several scenes perfectly bubbling to the surface, while the heist sequences are shot with real care and are cleverly and well-orchestrated.

But, importantly, he doesn't lose sight of the



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characters themselves. This is a film that is, first and foremost, about the people involved. What he and co-writer Gillian Flynn (author of *Gone Girl*) are smart enough to do is root the story in the characters, but refuse to paint them as archetypes.

Each character has their motivations and reasons for their behaviour, but there are always more layers to unravel and that, allied to an impeccable cast, means that you are prepared to overlook the plot's rather predictable nature as you find yourself caught up in those on the screen.

Viola Davis plays hard and cold to perfection, but here she shows cracks, the impact of events in her life coming up for air while trying to hold it together to stave off the Manning brothers, while Elizabeth Debicki is superb as the woman who, post-robbery, has nowhere to turn and sees her involvement in the robbery as the opportunity to assert the independence she never knew she had.

Michelle Rodriguez gets a rare opportunity outside of the blockbuster world and shows how good she can be, while Cynthia Erivo (the Broadway star in only her second big screen outing) impacts with a small but strong role.

There's plenty to chew on in terms of sub-plots as well. Colin Farrell and Robert Duvall's father-son clash sparks, as the latter aims to get the former to succeed him as Alderman of the 18th District of Chicago, while Brian Tyree Henry's Jamal Manning, a criminal determined to straighten up in order to survive who goes up against Farrell, engages – all the performances

(including Daniel Kaluuya's chilling turn) delivering.

The only drawback of the film is the plotting, which sometimes feels a little too austere and cold, especially when the plight of the titular widows is so great. You find yourself engrossed in the characters, but it's due more to the performances than the way they are written.

That foible aside, this is still a superb film, one that will most certainly keep you captivated by the strong performances and excellent direction – with *Widows*, Steve McQueen has made another tremendous film.

VERDICT: It's a Steve McQueen genre film, his broadest yet, and while *Widows* may lack a little spark in the plotting department, it's more than made up for in terms of the tremendous performances from a stellar cast and some wonderful directorial touches. Impressive, if a touch flawed, this is still a compelling effort.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Set It Off* (1996), *Shame* (2011).

Young Farmers' eisteddfod – live from The Memo

ON Saturday, November 17 the 2018 Young Farmers' eisteddfod takes place, and S4C will be broadcasting the event live from the Memo Arts Centre, Barry.

From 7.15am until the competing ends, Anni Llŷn, Lisa Angharad and Ifan Jones Evans will bring the event to S4C viewers: the competing and the goings-on behind the scenes.

This is the first time the Glamorgan Young Farmers' Federation has hosted the eisteddfod, and one of the local organisers, Elen Williams, who is also Chairman of the Wales YFC Competitions Committee, thinks it's important for the event to travel to new places. She said: "It's a year.

privilege for us as a county to host the eisteddfod. People speak Welsh, but maybe not as a first language, so we've tried to get all the members on board."

The Young Farmers' eisteddfod is the only bilingual eisteddfod of its kind in Wales, but for the first time this year there will also be a competition for those who are learning Welsh. Elen said it was important for younger members in the county to see the language being used.

She added: "It's important that we promote the language and try to get more members to do things through the medium of Welsh, and that's what we're trying to do with the new competition."

The highlights of the event will be broadcast before the end of the year.

Male Voice Choir concert

A CONCERT by Monmouth Male Voice Choir and featuring Deborah Morgan Lewis takes place at St Peter's Church, Dinas Powys, on Saturday, December 1 at 7pm.

Tickets (£6) are available from Parkman Funeral Home on 02922 362101 and Dinas Powys Community Centre.



Elen Williams, from Glamorgan Young Farmers' Federation.

Wenvoe Christmas Craft Fair

Sunday 18th November 10am - 4pm

Wenvoe Community Centre

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What's on, and where in your area?

Art and Craft
LLANTWIT MAJOR Art and Craft Group will be meeting on Friday, November 16 at Llantion Hall at 7.30pm.

It will be a practical night when members bring projects they are currently working on and share knowledge and inspiration. Guests are very welcome to join the group.

Autumn Lunches
ALL Saints' Church Barry are hosting their popular autumn lunches on November 15, 22 and 29 and December 6, in the church hall in aid of the Roof Restoration Project.

Commencing at 12pm lunch will include a selection of artisan breads and soup, fruit crumble and the usual free raffle. Entrance is £5 payable on the door.

Ward surgery
COUNCILLORS Vincent Bailey and Leighton Rowlands will be holding their regular advice surgery on Saturday, November 17 at 10.30am to 11.30am at St Davids Methodist Church, Winston Road, Barry. No appointment needed.

Councillors' surgery
LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit

Major on Saturday, November 17 from 9.30am until 11.30am. Residents who have any issues to raise are welcome to attend.

Councillors' surgery
THE Labour councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court Wards, will be holding their regular, monthly advice surgery on Saturday, November 17 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, Kings Square, Barry from 10am until 11am; no appointment is necessary.

Christmas craft fair
AT Bethel Baptist Church on Harbour Road, Barry on Saturday, November 18 a craft fair will take place between 10am and 2pm.

Admission free; handmade crafts, gifts, cake stall, jams, chutneys and much more!

Crafts and face painting for the little ones while you shop, and refreshments will include breakfast bacon butties 'til 11.30am and homemade soup and rolls from 12pm.

Family History talk
THE next meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History Society is on Monday, November 19 at the Len Evans Centre, off Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig (CF32 9RW).

The speaker will be Mr Paul Frame on The Life of Dr

Richard Price of Tyn Ton, Llangeinor; the Friend of the American Founding Fathers. Doors open 7pm talk starts 7.30pm. Refreshments available.

Diabetes event
THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group are holding a talk on Tuesday, November 20 at the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth from 7.30pm-9pm when the speaker will be Dr Lindsay George, consultant physician in diabetes and endocrinology and specialist diabetes nurses, providing a questions and answers session. All welcome.

National Trust Members
THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust Members will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, November 21 in the Baronial Hall of the Duke of Wellington.

The talk, 'Some Writers' Houses' will be given by Deborah Fisher of the Cowbridge History Society. She is co-founder and secretary of the Siegfried Sassoon Society and closely involved with other literary societies.

Parkinson's cafe
AT the November meeting of the Parkinson's drop-in cafe, there will be an opportunity to

put questions to a Parkinson's specialist nurse.

It will be held on Wednesday, November 21 from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in Llantion Hall. Why not join us for a cuppa? For more information about the drop-in cafe, call Martin Simmonds on 01446 796310.

Croeso Llantwit's Book Fest

COME along to Bethel Baptist Hall on Saturday, November 24 and bring your no-longer-needed books, and if possible, a scarf to swap.

Browse through the great range of books, enjoy a cuppa, and indulge in some chocolate or home-baked goodies. It is open from 11am-3pm, and donations accepted from 9am. Nothing is priced, but donations for Croeso Llantwit are welcomed.

Croeso is working towards making a difference to a family who have found themselves refugees as a result of the war in Syria.

Under the Government Resettlement Scheme, we will provide everything that is needed to enable them to settle and become part of Llantwit's lovely community.

For more information, see Facebook, croesollantwit.blogspot.com or to get involved, call 07513 269742 or email croesollantwit@gmail.com.



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The Women's Fellowship group learned about an African charity at their recent meeting.

Women's Fellowship group learns all about 'House of Joy'

THE Cowbridge and Llanblethian Women's Fellowship first heard about the south Wales Christian charity, the House of Joy, three years ago.

This month, Linda Richley came along to give an update on developments since then in Kasala, Uganda.

The group learned that Kasala is still an area of extreme poverty, with limited access to education, clean water, food, health provision and employment.

Linda explained that the charity is trying to address these issues through a

programme of: education in their school buildings; caring for 'at risk' children; farming; the provision of clean water; employing and buying local to support their economy and pastoral care.

Linda used slides to illustrate her talk and the members were able to see the clean running water facilities, the extra school buildings and the residential dormitories that have been built by the charity over the past three years.

Since the school started in 2005, pupil numbers have risen from 56 to 400 local children. The school provides full nursery and primary provision and the charity is

hoping to be able to provide secondary education in the future.

Linda explained that the House of Joy is a self funding organisation. For further information, visit www.houseofjoy.co.uk

The Fellowship group meets in the Church Hall, Llanblethian on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. If you would like to know more about events and activities, contact Hazel Coates on 01443 226412 or Georgina Magnay on 01446 774335, or just come along to a meeting.

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Barry Air Cadets remember Guy Gibson and all the Fallen



Air Cadets at Barry's cenotaph.

AIR Cadets from 372 Barry Squadron joined with members of Group 617 in the evening of Remembrance Sunday to place commemorative candles on the war memorial and Merchant Navy memorials.

With the public gathering earlier in the day dispersed and night time falling the commemorative candles were lit; subtly lighting up the war memorial and complementing the red of the wreaths laid earlier in the day.

The candles originated from the town of Steenburg in the Netherlands, where Wing Commander Guy Gibson of 617 Squadron, The Dambusters, died in

action.

Group 617 has built a close a relationship with the town and several of the Air Cadets have visited Steenburg in recent years.

Group 617 works to make a difference to support war veterans; current, former members of the armed services and their families.

Chairman of Group 617, Russ Kitley said a few poignant words to the assembled congregation at both tBarry's cenotaph and the Merchant Navy memorials and thanked the air cadets for their assistance.

The cadets who paid tribute were Natasha Gill, James Jelinski, Luke Beecham, Calum Dowdell, Tom John, James Andrus, Coffie Smith.

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Brownies united for Remembrance

ON Remembrance Sunday, the Colwinston Brownies were joined by the Treoes Brownies to lead the procession to church after the act of Remembrance and wreath laying at the war memorial.

Trumpeter Tom Jose played *Last Post* and the *Rouse*, and wreaths were laid by Sheila Madge and Marion Thomas, whose fathers were killed in World War Two. Wreaths were laid by St David's School, the Women's Institute, the Brownies, the community council and the Village Hall Association.

At the church service, the 23 men who served in World War One and

returned safely were remembered. Pupils of St David's School had made poppies, each bearing a name of these men and the four from WWII who were killed. They also wrote prayers and poems.

Sheila Madge provided photographs and memorabilia of her father and the Brownies sang a thankful song. Edward Lewis representing the community council read about the wars and a Bible reading was read by Pamela Haines.

After the service, Alan Horton, chairman of the Village Hall Association tolled the church bell 100 times to commemorate the 100 years since the Armistice.

Kath Jones



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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (B4265 LLANTWIT MAJOR BYPASS, LLANTWIT MAJOR) (30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) (TEMPORARY) ORDER (No2) 2018

On the 15th November 2018 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.

The Order will come into operation on the 19th November 2018 or on the date that the necessary Traffic Signs are in place whichever is the later and a copy of the Order may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 19th November 2018 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30 mph in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location: The section of B4265 Llantwit Major Bypass from its junction with Eglwys Brewis / Boverton Traffic Lights to Llantwit Road (St Athan Entrance) Traffic Lights.

Reason: The restriction is being implemented to allow new junction works to take place.

Duration: From 06.00 Hours on 19th November 2018 a maximum period of 18 months or until the signs are removed, whichever is the sooner.

Dated this 15th day of November 2018

Director of Environment & Housing,
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA



size: 13x6

New photography book launched in Penarth deli

A NEW book by local photographer Mathew Browne captures the beauty and diversity of Welsh landscapes and heritage, says Penarth bookshop owner Mel Griffin, who has teamed up with Foxy's Deli in the town to showcase Browne's work.

With its rugged mountains and peaceful lakes, quiet rural locations, breathtaking

coastline and islands, three National Parks, ancient castles and historic towns and cities, Wales really is a place to be proud of and Mathew Browne inspires that feeling through his photography.

A selection of prints from the book will be on display at Foxy's from Monday, and the week will culminate in a talk and book signing event with Mathew on the evening of Friday, November 16. Contact Griffin Books for full details.

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Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, 19th November at 11am.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Mike's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages. All donations to support Marie Curie Hospice.

JONES
Howard

Peacefully at Springbank Nursing Home on 7th November, Howard, beloved husband to Shirley and much loved stepdad of Mark, John and Julie. Loving granddad Howard to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Howard will be dearly missed.

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LYCETT

Mary Patricia (née Hook)

Passed away after a short illness on 4 November, aged 81. Beloved widow of Keith, much loved mother of Jenny, Naomi and Martin. Proud grandmother of Frances, Bethan, Lucy and Michael, sister of Susan and George.

Mary will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral service will be held at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm on Thursday, 22 November. No flowers by request, but if desired, donations to British Heart Foundation.

To advertise your situations vacant, family notices, birthdays, anniversaries, etc, call Sue on 01446 774484.

ROBINS
Christopher

Suddenly on 1st November 2018 at College Fields Nursing Home, Chris, aged 77 years. Beloved husband of the late Maureen, much loved dad of Derek, Paul and Guy, also a loved grandfather and great grandfather.

Chris will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

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Family flowers only donations on the day to be collected for the RNLI.

COTTON
Graham

Peacefully passed away after a long illness on 9th November 2018 at The Waverley Care Centre, Penarth. Loving husband of Veronica (Helen), devoted father to Jayne and stepfather to Vera, Paul and Neil and their families.

He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service to be held on Wednesday, 21st November 2018 at Barry Crematorium at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, would be gratefully received to the Alzheimer's Society on the day of the service or c/o Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel: 029 2051 4627.

PARSONS
Diane (née Perry)

Passed away at home, aged 83, on Monday, 5th November. Much loved daughter of Arthur and Lucy and sister of Hedley.

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Bridgend Athletic mini and junior rugby news round-up



Rachel Jones on the attack. ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK.

Battling Phoenix come back to defeat Caernarfon

PENCOED Phoenix showed their battling qualities in this Premiership match against Caernarfon Ladies coming back from 7-21 down with a strong second half performance.

The visitors raced into a 0-14 lead in the opening quarter with two converted tries from full back Beth Davies, who 24 hours earlier had been with the Welsh squad at the Cardiff Arms Park.

Phoenix hit back following sustained pressure with a try from right wing Linzi Morgan.

Despite being well in the match territorially, Phoenix fell further behind when failing to deal with the opposition's kick ahead and Molly Shuttleworth raced over, Davies slotting her third conversion, and the home side found themselves 7-21 in arrears at the break.

Phoenix started the second half well and strong carries from front row forwards Lucy Cahill and Jody Jordan deep in the Caernarfon 22 saw the ball recycled and left wing Zoe Reeves raced over wide out.

Reeves soon got a second try following driving runs from second rows Emily Hughes and Rachel Jones and, at 17-21 down, Phoenix sensed



Katie Murphy finds the space.

a victory opportunity.

The home side were now becoming increasingly dominant, winning phase after phase and creating chances.

With the home support now on tenterhooks it was not until the 79th minute that Phoenix got the all-important bonus point try, Jordan crashing over to put her side in the lead for the first time in the match and Leanne Burnell adding a fine conversion.

Phoenix were now in no mood to let this one slip and played out injury time with no real scares to seal a remarkable comeback.

For Caernarfon, Welsh squad member Brea Leung was prominent throughout, with Davies

always a threat at full back with her counter-attacking play, both players in contention for the visitors' player of the match.

However this accolade went to diminutive pacy wing three-quarter Grace Johns, while for Phoenix the versatile Natalie O'Shea, starting out at No 7, gave her usual all-action performance and was chosen as best player in what was a superb all round team effort.

Caernarfon are to be congratulated on their commitment to Welsh womens rugby, and everyone at Pencoed RFC was conscious of their five-hour journey back to north Wales, something done on a fairly regular basis!

TR

The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

THE Barry Cup took centre stage as we reached the quarter-finals and the final four was decided.

Cogan Coronation claimed their second Premier Division scalp in the competition as they upset Rhosce away 2-1.

Cowbridge Town's league form continued into the cup with a 2-1 win over Cardiff Airport, while Penarth Town edged out first division Cadoxton Imps 4-3.

Cadoxton Barry won out in a Cadoxton derby to put out Division Two Cadoxton Athletic.

Only three league games were played on the weekend, and in the Premier Division Sully Sports lifted themselves off the foot of the table as they stunned league leaders Barry

Athletic in a thrilling 4-3 away win.

That makes it two wins on the bounce for Sully while Athletic wobble at the top with this being a second straight league defeat.

In Division One runaway leaders Holton Road thrashed Tynewydd 7-1, which makes it 11 wins from 11 and puts Holton Road 14 points ahead of second place.

In Division Two Rhosce B closed the gap on leaders St Athan B to two points with a 1-0 win over Barry Athletic B with a game in hand.

This week the SWFA Cup takes centre stage with Barry Athletic, Rhosce and Island Marine all in action along with a handful of league games.

HD

THE under-7s welcomed Llantrisant to Newbridge Fields.

Despite inclement weather, the Ath had a squad of 18 players turned up. In true mini spirit no scores were kept.

Some fantastic tries were scored by both sets of teams, the Ath players showing real quality with ball in hand.

Well done to Callum Brown and Xavier Gardener who were this week's top taggers. Next up for the team is a trip to Bargoed on Sunday.

The under-8s also welcomed Llantrisant RFC to Newbridge Fields on Sunday.

Before any rugby got underway both teams' players, their coaches and supporters held a minute silence for Remembrance Day, which was upheld with the utmost respect.

Regardless of the adverse weather conditions on the build-up to and early hours of Sunday, the home side saw their squad attendance of 21 players significantly outnumbering the travelling squad of seven players.

To avoid standing around between games, the Ath were split into three teams, each taking it in turns to play the visitors while the other two played a training match against each other on an adjacent pitch.

Despite it being tag rugby, it's inevitable for there to be a degree of contact and at times the direct running of the visitors led to some heavy collisions.

In true Ath spirit the boys, as always, showed real grit and determination, immediately dusting themselves off and re-joining the action.

With the visitors only managing to field one team and playing back-to-back matches with very little rest in between, fatigue should have been a factor favouring the Ath.

In credit to the visitors, however, they stuck at the job in hand and the Ath failed to exploit what should have been an advantage.

In total, four matches were played, with the Ath losing two, drawing one and winning one, along the way scoring a total of 21 tries and accumulating 71 tags.

Although the overall result went against the home side, there were a lot of positives to be taken from their morning's work. Their play is becoming less one dimensional and increasingly, the Ath players are offloading the ball before being tagged.

They are also starting to work scissor moves in offensive positions, wrong-footing the defence and opening-up gaps. Some superb tries were scored on the day as a direct result of these improving aspects of the Ath's play.

The under-9s welcomed Llantrisant to Newbridge Fields, boasting a squad of 21 players on the day despite the poor weather.

The Athletic coaches were really pleased with the players' defensive determination with so many players stepping up, and with their efforts at trying to play more as a team, looking to keep the ball moving.

Bridgend Athletic were too strong for Llantrisant, running out 60-5 winners over two 20-minute matches.

Try scorers were Mason Brown (three), Ashton Davies (three), Ethan Davies (two), Osian Kenny, Rhys Cawley, Rhys Gardiner and Zack Hughes. Next up for the under-9s is a trip to Bargoed.

The under-16s welcomed Tonmawr to Bridgend for an Ospreys Cup pool match.

Tonmawr, having won the previous two encounters between the teams, were probably confident of inflicting a third successive victory over the Ath.

However, from the start the team drove strongly forward, with the Ath winning the ruck and outside half Euan Rees putting in a long kick, driving Tonmawr deep into their own territory.

The Ath continued to pile on the pressure

and some strong driving from the forwards saw No 8 Michael Gillette drive over from close range, Euan Rees converting.

Further pressure saw a great break from Ryan Neagle to feed Michael Gillette, who cut through a gap between two players and sprinted over from 30 metres to score wide out, Euan Rees narrowly missing the conversion.

Tonmawr then hit back with a good try of their own from a set scrum near the Ath line, which their scrum half converted.

The Ath responded with the best try of the match. Some great inter-passing between backs and forwards saw the ball reach prop John wide out. John then shrugged off a defender before racing away from 40 metres to score near the Tonmawr posts, Euan Rees again converting.

Just before half-time, a quick move by Tonmawr saw their left-wing race over in the corner to leave the Athletic 19-12 ahead at the break.

The second half was a very close affair with Tonmawr enjoying a moderately strong wind behind them. Passive scrums were also introduced as Tonmawr didn't have replacement props.

A scrum near the Tonmawr line saw Michael Gillette pick up and smash through the defence to score under the posts, again converted by outside half Euan Rees.

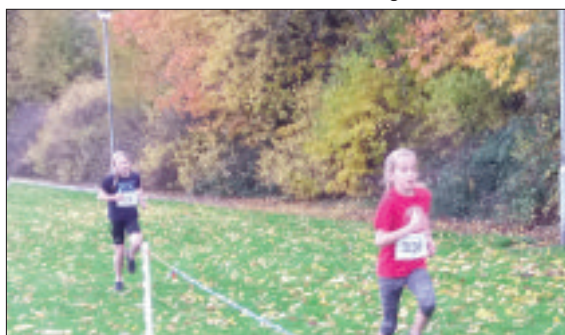
Tonmawr then utilised the wind to gain territory and charged down an attempted clearance kick saw to score wide out.

The remainder of the game saw the Ath on top and Gillette, Ryan Neagle and Tom Florence go close to scoring. The Athletic defence was also immense, preventing Tonmawr adding any further points.

The Ath team and coaches were delighted to record a great 26-17 victory against a very capable Tonmawr team and give them a good opportunity to progress from the pool stages of the tournament.

AB

Local pupils show talent in cross country race



St Iltyd pupils cross the finishing line.

FOLLOWING the Rural Vale Cross Country competition for St Iltyd Primary earlier in the month, 12 of the Year 5 and 6 pupils were invited to take part at the next level of the competition last week.

Competitors travelled on a cold and damp morning to Trelai Park in Ely, Cardiff, to race against pupils from across south Wales, with over 400 schools having taken part during the trials stage.

Despite the conditions and the level of competition, the St Iltyd children all did really well completing the 1.5 km (year-5) or 2 km (year-6) course in good time and without stopping, making the teachers and parents present very proud.

A special mention must be made for the year-5s' team who finished second overall, with Flo Durrant finishing in bronze medal position, and Josie Thomas and Bel Durrant finishing sixth and seventh.

AS

Athletic players reunion

SATURDAY, December 1 is a date to pencil into your diaries for Bridgend Athletic former players.

The Athletic Old Boys Association are sponsoring the Division One East Central clash between current table toppers Rhiwbina and the Athletic at the Morganstone Brewery Field, kick-off 2.30pm.

Come along and support the current squad and then join everybody at the

Enwenny Road clubhouse for a players reunion.

Former coaches and supporters also most welcome to come along and reminisce with former players and meet the current team and coaches.

A buffet at £5 a head is available - contact match and reunion coordinator David (dadavison13@hotmail.com) if buffet is required.

AB

Winter comes to Brynhill

WITH last week being the final 'real' competition of the season, Sunday saw Brynhill revert back to winter competitions.

Best on the day was 43 points from Ritchie Mason and Gary Ball, three better than Peter Phillips and Julian Hopkins, who squeezed Mike Fairhurst and Tony Thomas into third on a back nine countback.

On Saturday evening the club hosted its annual black tie presentation night.

It's tradition for competition winners to fill the cup they won with the beverage of their choice, then pass it round to the assembled masses - this could go some way to explaining the rather sparse turnout for the following days winter competition!

This year's major championship winners were club champion Scotty Bowman, who defeated Lee Price in the final, sweet revenge as Lee was the guy who beat Scott in the Ernest Williams final.

In the Wick Williams, Mitchel Taylor Moore saw off gallant Glaswegian Alan Sweeney and further rubbed salt in the wound by beating him again in the Howell Hughes final eight days later.

Glyn Coles won the Buck Rabbit, easing out Luke Pearson in the final, while Matt Lundrigan claimed the Morgan Williams Cup (gross) and Lewis Millar the Dai Rees Cup (gross).

The captain's prize was won by Peter Inledon with Scott Warne taking the best gross.

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On the road: As you would expect from a CUPRA, the handling is poised, thanks to Seat doing a proper job of setting up the suspension which is controlled and gives the Leon a planted feel on the road.

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To sum up: I love the Leon CUPRA ST, it's a brilliant estate. As with all Seats, there will be very little to go wrong as their reliability in general is excellent.

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Bridgend Bridge Club news

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

The club pairs competition was played over the previous two Wednesdays, the combined results are: First, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; second, Liam Sheridan and John Beard; third, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones.

On Wednesday, November 7: First, Julian Pottage and Tony Ratcliff; equal second, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams, and Liam Sheridan and John Beard, and Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner. The winners on handicap were Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner.

On Thursday, November 18: First, Dilys Bowser and V Irene Thomas; second, Stuart Davies and Peter Rowley; third, Mike Williams and Gareth Jenkins. The winners on handicap were Dilys Bowser and V. Irene Thomas.

The Children in Need Simultaneous Pairs was played on Friday, November 9: First, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; second, Norma

and David Newman; equal third, Vida Halford and Linda Jenkins, and Debbie and Simon Richards. The winners on handicap were Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Noltan Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Noltan Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

A new course of bridge lessons have started on Monday afternoons at Noltan Church Hall from 3.30pm to 5.30pm, and it's not too late to join the course.

For more information, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email Steve at steve@steveburgoyne.pl us.com.

GJ

The Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club results

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for November 5 are as follows:

First, John Raymond and Alan Lewis, 64.29 per cent; second, Debbie and Simon Richards, 62.66 per cent; third, Anne Hughes and Trish Roe, 62.34 per cent.

LE

Boat competition

CARDIFF Bay Yacht Club hold their annual boat competition on December 9.

Possibly the largest single-day competition in the UK, 150 fishing boats and 450 anglers attended last year.

There are some great sponsors with brilliant prizes, so get your application forms in early. For more information, visit cbcy.co.uk.

DS

Help make it plain sailing for Celtic Capability charity

CELTIC Capability Sailing is a new sailing charity based in Barry, and it needs your help.

The charity makes sailing accessible to all, particularly disadvantaged and disabled people. Sailing is great for the body and mind so getting more people out on the water will make a positive impact while being a lot of fun.

The charity was founded recently and will see its first full year of operations in 2019. Although the charity is new, excitement is building for the opportunities it will bring. The charity offers sailing experiences that are affordable and accessible, and it's developing links with other clubs and charities to provide progression routes for new sailors who want to develop

their skills further and get more involved in the sport.

The sailing charity has just one boat at the moment. That means that the spaces available for people to sail are limited. There are many groups in Barry and the south Wales area that are really excited about being able to sail for the first time with Celtic, but at the moment they are being added to a waiting list. The charity aims to buy a second boat as soon as possible to help us reach more people. A second boat will mean that larger groups and families can sail together too.

Celtic Capability Sailing has applied to the Aviva Community fund for money to buy a second boat. If successful, the bid could provide another 'Hawk' keel boat and the safety equipment needed to go with it. A second boat would make a huge difference to the

charity and the people it works with, but Celtic Capability Sailing needs your help.

All bids for Aviva Community funds are currently open to public vote. The bids with the most votes by November 20 will go to the judges' table for the final decision on who gets the funding they need. It takes just a few minutes to register to vote and Celtic Capability Sailing would really appreciate any support you can give.

Please go to the Aviva web page at fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/vi ew/4-1504 and vote for Celtic. It doesn't cost anything to vote but it could be worth a huge amount to disadvantaged and disabled people in Barry and south Wales.

AS

News on and off the turf

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan sent his nine-year-old Lord Fendale on a 381 miles journey to Musselburgh on Wednesday, November 7.

The horse was running in the Start Your Racing UK Free Trial Now Handicap Hurdle and, partnered by D. G. Noonan, the nine-year-old gelding, who carried top weight of 11 stone, 12lbs, led until the last flight of hurdles, only to be passed on the run-in by the bottom-weighted *Rioja Day*, who was in

receipt of one stone and 11lbs.

Lord Fendale went off the 2-1 favourite whereas *Rioja Day*, who was ridden by Danny McMenamin, was returned at odds of 15-2.

TIM'S SEDGFIELD WINNER

HORSES from Tim Vaughan's Aberthin yard are certainly catching the judges' eyes of late and at Sedgfield last Thursday his *Kovera* ran out an 18 lengths winner of the novices' handicap chase.

Confidently ridden by Alan Johns, the bottom-weighted six-year-old was returned the 9-4 favourite.

At Market Rasen, Peter Bowen's *Ron's Dream*, at eight the oldest horse in the 188Bet.Co.UK Bud Booth's Mares' Chase, was a half-a-length from the even-money favourite *Casablanca*.

A 9-1 chance, *Ron's Dream* was ridden by Bowen's son Sean.

EVAN'S AINTREE WINNER

EVAN WILLIAMS' *Quoi De Neuf*, a winner of an Irish point-to-point race last season, partnered by dual Grand National winning jockey Leighton Aspell, landed the National Hunt Novices' Hurdle at Aintree last Saturday.

A 3-1 chance, *Quoi De Neuf* won by two-and-a-half lengths from another former Irish point-to-point, *Redzor*.

In the principal race of the day, the Rewards4Racing Handicap Chase, which was worth £49,520 to the winner and which Evan had won last year with *On Tour*, his *King's Odyssey* found one too good for him in the Peter Hobbs-trained *War Sound* and was beaten by some six lengths.

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Paul of Dinas Powys, pictured with vice-chairman Mike Colley (centre) and chairman Brian Clifton, received a framed shirt at a recent home game.

Paul said: "It's great to help out with my local club and the community, good luck to the team for the season."

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Free disability sports sessions

THE Vale Council's Play Development team has organised a day of free disability sessions.

There are over 50 sport and physical activity clubs across the Vale, which offer opportunities for disabled people.

The sessions will take place in Barry Leisure Centre on Saturday, November 17, from 11.30am-2pm.

The sport sessions include tasters several sports such as Boccia, athletics and rugby.

Members of the Vale's Play Development Team will be on hand to offer a range of play activities and answer any questions you may have.

For more information, contact Simon Jones, Senior Healthy Living Officer (Disability Sport) on 704728 or email SLJones@valeofglamor gan.gov.uk.

Allform skittles cup competition

LAST week was an open week in the both the club and men's pubs skittles leagues.

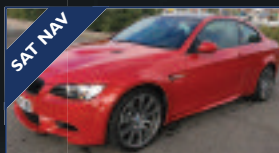
There were no games played in the club league and the second round of the Allform Cup was played in the men's pubs skittles league.

Results: Bunker Boys beat Hairy Lemons; 49ers beat Alternatives; Posties beat Merryman; Exiles beat Park Rangers; Blue Monkey beat Witchill Nomads; Mighty Dockers beat Cavaliers; Park Lads beat British Rail; BP Breakaways beat Glenbrook Flyers.

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Family affair sees Welfare defeat Bridgend Athletic

DESPITE matching Cambrian Welfare's three tries, Bridgend Athletic were outdone by Cambrian Welfare's three Huntley brothers, who contributed 29 points in Cambrian's 34-21 victory at the Morganstone Brewery Field.

Captain and outside half Julian contributed 16 points with four penalties and two conversions, centre Jonah Huntley spotted a gap to race over for a try, converted by brother Julian, to level the scores. He then converted a penalty when the Athletic became isolated attempting to run out of defence and were penalised for not releasing.

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Sean Williams puts in a big hit on a Cambrian Welfare player. ALL PICTURES BY GARETH ANTHONY.



Winger Will Barraclough looks to create, but is held back by the Cambrian Welfare defence.

driving maul approached the try line James sniped off the side to cross in the corner. Davies' touchline conversion put the Athletic 14-13 ahead.

The lead lasted barely two minutes as Cambrian ran back a poorly-directed clearance kick and scrum half Jackson Huntley finished off the move to restore an 18-14 Cambrian lead. Two quick Julian Huntley penalties extended the Cambrian lead to 24-14.

Athletic wing Robin Davies then ran a clearance kick back at Cambrian. Good link play between Athletic No 8 Sean Williams and flanker Ben Howe saw Howe break from 30 metres out.

He drew the full back and offloaded a well-timed pass to the supporting speedy scrum half Dan James who crossed for his second try. Davies' conversion reduced the deficit to 24-21.

The Athletic went straight back on the attack but dropped the ball on the Cambrian 22. Cambrian flanker Luke Riley hacked on and regathered and ran into the Athletic 22 before

putting wing Simon Warren over wide out.

Julian Huntley converted to stretch the lead to 31-21. Centre Jonah Huntley then took the game away from the Athletic with a neat drop goal.

Both sides then went for a bonus point try. Good work by replacement flanker Tom Davies and Barraclough prevented Cambrian achieving their goal, while Barraclough's attempt to break away was also foiled.

It was another frustrating league encounter for the Athletic with the coaches disappointed with lapses in concentration after scoring leading to quick responses from Cambrian, whose enthusiasm gave them a deserved victory on the day.

Athletic captain Ben Howe has asked for five high intensity training sessions over the next two weeks to improve his side's fitness levels and play in the high tempo manner they were used to last season.

The club's next fixture is away at Llantrisant on November 24, a prelude

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ATHLETIC YOUTH 7 BRIDGEND Sports won the Ospreys Youth East Division local derby with Bridgend Athletic youth on the Bandstand Field.

In a scrappy first half the Sports scored the only try through Joe Davies to lead 5-0 at the break. The Athletic responded with a back movement resulting in a try for Corbyn Lee converted by Levi Hallett. However, two Ben Rich penalties sealed victory for the home side.

In a low-key performance, full back Cameron Lewis stood out for the Athletic.

The Athletic coaches Paul Obbard and Paul Yardley were pleased with the training numbers last week and hope the boys will keep it up to develop their skills.

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Ben Thomas stretches over the line to score for Tondy seniors. PICTURE BY GARETH ANTHONY.

Last-gasp win for Tondy RFC

TONDU RFC finally returned to winning ways against a plucky Waunarlwydd side on Saturday, but they certainly left it late to record a much-needed 24-22 victory.

It was Waunarlwydd that drew first blood when second row Phil Bull crashed over after good early pressure from the visitors, the conversion added by centre Andrew Spowart.

The home side had plenty of possession following that early try and a deserved try for No 8 Ben Thomas brought them back into the game, with Josh Tatchell slotting the conversion.

They didn't stay on level terms for long, as Waunarlwydd launched a flowing move down the left for Leighton Lamb to sail over in the corner to make the half-time score 7-12.

Early first half pressure from Tondy soon paid dividends though, when hooker Rhys Davies smashed his way over near the posts. Tatchell added the conversion to give his side a deserved lead.

Again Waunarlwydd bounced back when flanker Sion Evans sneaked over for an unconverted try, and when the same player crashed over from a five metre lineout minutes later, things didn't look good for the home side.

Tondy don't give up that easy, however, and launched a stunning attack down the middle of the park from inside their own half, the ball passed through a number of hands before Josh Tatchell flew over near the posts, and he added the conversion.

The final 10 minutes belonged to the Waterwheelers and they were rewarded with a last-minute penalty, to allow Tatchell to seal the game and keep up his 100 per cent kicking record on the day.

This game was no means a masterpiece, but the points will be a welcome boost for Tondy, who now have another week off before travelling to Glynneath.

MIKE SULLY TONDU YOUTH 24, CWMAFAN YOUTH 39

AFTER Tondy started off with a dominant attacking display, it was Cwmafan who took the lead with a good kick,



Gareth Lindenburn makes a break. PICTURE BY GARETH ANTHONY.



Kai Lewis kicks ahead for the youth. PICTURE BY SOPHIE BEE.

followed by an excellent chase to score making it 7-0.

Tondy came back and were awarded a penalty try after Joe Neil was denied in the corner when the ball was killed illegally.

Tondy began to get the game flowing, and after being given an advantage for offside, Jacob Thomas stabbed a kick through the middle of the defensive line which was picked up nicely by Stef Lewis, given inside to prop Dayton Owen then offloaded to Jacob Thomas to score under the sticks, making it 14-7 to the Waterwheelers.

Tondy were playing with a lot of confidence, scoring another skillful try finished by James Murray and assisted by Tom Painter to make it 19-7 to Tondy.

Cwmafan came back hard but were kept out by Tondy's strong defence. Tondy won a penalty which was then kicked into the corner.

Tondy won their

lineout and had a strong driving lineout which was scored by Ospreys under-18s player Iestyn Davies.

Just before half-time, Tondy's confidence got too much and Cwmafan scored two tries prior to the break to make it 24-21 to Tondy at half-time.

Coming into the second half, it was Cwmafan who wanted the game more. Despite Tondy being camped on Cwmafan's try-line on numerous occasions, the away team was adamant to not let the Waterwheelers score.

After a fine second half display from Cwmafan, they won the game 39-24.

JOE ALLEN under-15s' improvement continues with a great team display against Caerau Ely, winning 42-5.

Special mention goes to Billy Wells, who scored his first try, and to Will Ryan for the tackle of the match.

MIKE SULLY

Good away win for Pencoed RFC

PENCOED RFC started this league game away to Taibach RFC strongly.

Following phase play from the forwards and good inter-play from the backs, Rhys Clarke was given a scoring pass to score wide out; the conversion failed.

Next on the scoresheet was Adam Williams. Following a typical crash ball run he forced his way over at the posts, Rhys Clarke adding the extras.

Kyle Barrett got his name on the scoresheet, finishing off another sweeping movement from Pencoed's own half, again Rhys Clarke adding the extras.

Pencoed then tried to undo all the hard work by switching off. This allowed Taibach to score a converted try of their own and to kick a penalty with the last play of the half, leaving a half-time score of 10-19.

Taibach started the

second half strongly. Resolute defence from Pencoed kept them from scoring, and in fact another breakthrough from defence saw Lloyd Bargery cross under the posts. Rhys Clarke kicking the conversion.

Showing typical awareness and strength Shane Izzat crossed the Taibach line, touching down under the posts, Adam Williams converting.

Pencoed were not done however. Following sweeping movements from their own half, Lloyd Bargery crossed over wide out and Rhys Clarke finished a good day for Pencoed by touching down under the posts and converting his own try.

Credit has to be given to Taibach, as they managed to have the final word, scoring an unconverted try with the last play of the match to leave a final score of Taibach 15, Pencoed 45.

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Porthcawl Bridge Club news

THE club recently held a special 'Halloween Pairs' competition, won by John Beard and Tony Haworth.

The deals were certainly scary, but they each presented their prize – a bouquet of flowers – to 'the lady of their life'.

Results: Saturday, October 26, 'Halloween Pairs': first – John Beard and Tony Haworth; second – Teresa Griffiths and Connie Dick. Thursday, November 1: first – Tony Haworth and Keith Davison; second – Dave and

Norma Newman.

Saturday, November 3: first – Dave and Norma Newman; second – Roger Plant and Betty Longley. Thursday, November 8: first – Terry Dolan and Mari Jones; second – Peter and Sandy Jenkins.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre, Thursdays 6.45pm-9.45pm, and Saturdays 3.15pm-6.15pm; visitors welcome at any time.

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AFTER 10 YEARS AND 13 DEFEATS, WARREN GATLAND'S MEN FINALLY CHALK UP WIN AGAINST AUSTRALIA

No tries but plenty of drama on a tense afternoon

Relief for Wales as dreaded

hoodoo of Australia is lifted

by PHILIP IRWIN

ANATION let out a collective sigh of relief just after 7.15pm last Saturday, as Wales finally managed to defeat Australia.

The '13 defeats in a row' statistic hung heavily over the Principality Stadium all afternoon. Whether it was just a jinx, or evidence that Wales were missing something crucial, depended on whether you are a 'glass half full' or 'glass half empty' character.

However, one thing that the optimists and pessimists would agree on is that you don't end a sequence like that with a champagne rugby performance. This wasn't even a Cava performance.

Comparing what Wales and Australia served up to events down the M4 at Twickenham didn't bode well for the future. Despite pouring rain, England and New Zealand handled brilliantly at times – particularly the Kiwis.

In contrast, despite being protected from the elements by the Principality Stadium roof, handling errors became contagious as the match progressed. In one passage of play, Australia spilled the ball three times but kept possession as each time it went backwards. On another day, a Welsh hand or foot might have got to the ball and a breakaway might have led to something, but the hallmark of this match was that although there were plenty of errors, none led to a try.

A sports report staple is to fasten on some crucial moments – preferably of brilliance, but failing that on errors, or maybe a refereeing controversy.

Sadly, moments of brilliance were in short supply, but we did have the other two, and Leigh Halfpenny was involved in both. We'll come back to these later.

The game was full of promise at the start. Australia produced two



Leigh Halfpenny looks dazed and confused after being flattened by Kerevi. All photos by the Huw Evans Agency.

slick three-quarter movements inside the first three minutes. The first led to a dangerous kick ahead that George North had to scramble into touch, while the second could well have been a try.

Quick hands put centre Samu Kerevi clear with only Gareth Anscombe to beat but the powerful Aussie lost control as he tried to transfer the ball from one hand to the other, and the Welsh outside half was able to dislodge it.

There was more pressure on Wales three minutes later when Bernard Foley launched a high kick that was taken very calmly by Leigh Halfpenny under his posts.

A couple of minutes later it was Wales' turn to put Australia under pressure, as they put together several phases before Anscombe chipped for Josh Adams, but it was just too long for the Worcester wing to get to.

Adams would go on to be a definite success for Wales, solid in defence and always sharp and threatening in attack.

Next, Wales put together a 13-phase attack, but it was slow going, with the back row of Pocock, Hooper and Dempsey stopping any quick recycling.

It did, however, end with a penalty to Wales. A routine kick for Halfpenny, and eyebrows were raised when he sent it a foot

wide.

On the 20-minute mark normal service was resumed (we all assumed) when Australia were penalised at a scrum and Halfpenny kicked the three points.

Soon after the restart, Australia put together a 16-phase attack but the Welsh back row of Tipuric, Lydiate and Moriarty were equally successful in slowing down the opposition. Eventually, second row Adam Coleman gave a taste of what was to come when he dropped a straightforward pass.

The play was resolutely stuck in midfield until, after 32 minutes, Dan Lydiate was offside and Foley kicked the penalty to bring the scores level.

It was Australian pressure for the next five minutes until, after one very slick attack, they were penalised at the breakdown and Anscombe's penalty took Wales into the opposition 22.

They attacked from the line out and the Australians were penalised almost bang in front of their posts just 25 metres out. It was a routine kick for Halfpenny and there was a gasp of astonishment when he missed. It was as if Francesco Molinari had suddenly shanked an eight iron.

The normally impassive kicker looked aghast and put his hands to his head in shock, and the half time whistle sent him back to

the dressing room to think things through.

It had not been a good game to watch, but the second half started well, with plenty of movement. After six minutes, however, George North limped off, hopefully as a precautionary measure, but Wales were not significantly weakened as he was replaced by Liam Williams.

After 10 minutes, Foley declined an easy three points, electing to kick the penalty into the corner, but Wales defended the attempted driving maul and were awarded the scrum.

Soon after Australia were once again awarded a penalty in a kickable position, but again Foley kicked for the corner. It was even worse this time as the line out was messed up and Wales cleared the ball again – Jonathan Davies launching a massive kick downfield, resulting in Wales gaining a scrum in an attacking position.

Last week against Scotland, Tomos Williams replaced Gareth Davies at scrum half for perhaps the last 10 minutes, but this time he came on with 25 minutes still to play. A reward for looking assured last week, perhaps.

However, mistakes were still happening. Jonathan Davies and Josh Adams combined well to make 20 metres or so but then, as he was attempting to work the blind side, Tomos Williams nudged the



Cory Hill is in the grasp of two Aussies.



George North left the field early in the second half with an injury.



Gareth Davies clears for Wales.

ball forward.

Soon after, Wales turned the ball over in a promising position and Ellis Jenkins (on for Dan Lydiate) kicked ahead when there was no need.

Soon after, Tomos Williams made a good break and desperate Australian defence led to an easy penalty for Wales. It was from a similar position to Halfpenny's shock miss and this time he made it, but only just, the ball scraping the inside of the post. It was not an 'all is well again' effort.

Mistakes continued. Foley sent a long kick from near half way, designed to trap Wales in their own 22, but he overhit it and the ball went dead, giving Wales a scrum on the half way line.

Shortly after, Foley was replaced by Matt Toomua.

Next, it was Wales' turn to make a mistake. A promising backs move came to grief when Anscombe's pass hit Cory Hill on the head (the second row may not have been the intended target) and Australia regained possession and kicked long – sparking the

game's biggest controversy.

Halfpenny had plenty of time to collect and to clear, but Kerevi then flattened him long after the ball had gone.

Referee Ben O'Keefe charitably ruled that Kerevi had attempted a charge down and had then been unaware that his momentum was taking him towards the Welsh full back. The crowd's reaction to the big screen replay of Kerevi's shoulder crashing into Halfpenny's head was less charitable.

An accident, said the ref, and to send the crowd into a raging fury, he ruled that after Halfpenny's kick had been caught by an Australian, Wales had infringed and given a penalty away.

Last week I commented that Alun Wyn Jones was quick to stop Elliot Dee arguing with the referee, but this time the Welsh captain was incensed, and I really can't recall any Welsh captain straying so close to outright dissent. Fortunately, referee O'Keefe stayed in charitable mode.

When it was time to take the penalty, it was

probably Toomua's first touch of the ball, and he faced a 45-metre kick from the touchline, but his nerve held and he made it 6-6.

Halfpenny was taken off for a head impact assessment, replaced by Dan Biggar. Almost immediately, Wales were awarded a penalty when Australia's substitute back row forward, Ned Hanigan, was too slow rolling away from a ruck.

Just as his opposing substitute outside half had done, Biggar stayed cool and slotted the kick for a 9-6 Welsh win, and I can't help wondering if the HIA was Wales' lucky break.

At half time, Halfpenny must have wracked his brain to work out what had caused those two misses – in particular the second. His successful penalty in the second half was unlikely to have settled his mind.

There's a famous quote in golf that was first said by Gene Littler, a very consistent American professional. Once, he unaccountably collapsed over the last six holes of a 72-hole tournament.

In the press room, the first question was: "Gene, what happened?"

His answer was: "Guys, if I knew what happened, it *wouldn't* have happened."

I'm not sure that Leigh Halfpenny knew what happened, and if he had stepped up to take that vital penalty, it would have been tense for everyone.

Now, he can look at the video, get back on the practice ground, work out what happened, and put his mind at rest. That's the way to put that blip behind him, but the last few minutes of a mistake-ridden game, with a 13-year hoodoo at stake, would have been a cruel test.

This Saturday it will be Tonga, and the Welsh coaching team has indicated that key players will be 'rested' – if that's the right term for a programme of conditioning to get them ready for the final autumn fixture against South Africa.

One thing is certain, the Principality Stadium won't be too pleased with a 9-6 win over Tonga.